

## Finance Committee joins call for hike in prices of basic goods

By AVI TEMKIN  
Post Economic Reporter  
The Knesset Finance Committee yesterday joined the forces demanding an immediate hike in the prices of basic commodities, fuel and electricity.

After a debate on subsidies for such goods, the committee decided to summon Histadrut Secretary-General Yisrael Kessar to its meeting tomorrow and to demand his agreement to such price increases.

Deputy Finance Minister Adiel Amoral told committee members that the Treasury spent IS51 billion during the first month of the package deal period keeping the prices of basic commodities, fuel and electricity frozen. This was double the October figure, he said.

The committee was presented with a Treasury request to approve the allocation of IS38b. for subsidies. No money is left for this purpose in the state budget.

According to Treasury sources, the ministry wants a 20 per cent

increase in the prices of subsidized goods implemented at the end of December.

The sources told *The Jerusalem Post* that the Treasury estimates December's inflation rate will be only 8 per cent. If this proves correct workers will not receive cost of living compensation with their January wages, since this is paid only when inflation tops 12 per cent.

The ministry's high-ranking personnel feel that the best time for the increase in prices would be at the end of December, since compensation for the hike, even if it is paid, would come only two months later.

The sources indicated that within the government there is a continuing debate about steps to take after the package deal.

While several senior Treasury Bank of Israel and Economics Ministry officials prefer a plan that would link the economy to the dollar, the political feeling is that such a move should come only after inflation is stable at a low level.

## TA strike danger to health, but no signs of settlement

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN  
Jerusalem Post Reporter  
TEL AVIV. — The municipal strike yesterday became a health hazard, with an estimated 4,000 tons of garbage piling up in the streets and markets.

No end to the strike is in sight as it enters its seventh day this morning.

Mayor Shlomo Lahat yesterday denied reports that he would meet with Prime Minister Peres in an attempt to solicit funds to pay November salaries of municipal employees and pensions for city pensioners. But Labour Party councilors said they would try to meet with Peres to get some money.

There is still a deadlock between the Interior Ministry, which says Tel Aviv must manage from its own resources, and Lahat, who noted

sarcastically that, unlike the government, the city cannot print money.

While garbage remains the main problem, the streets are also crowded with vehicles, as there is nobody to write parking tickets. Lack of cleaning and maintenance in schools may cause some of them to close.

The Histadrut teachers union is threatening to close the schools in Tel Aviv tomorrow if the strike does not end by then. They are to send letters to parents today explaining that the hygienic conditions at the schools endanger the children's health.

The fire brigade, the water department, the sewage system and the welfare office are working with skeleton staffs. Old people are still getting their meals on wheels for the time being.

## Jewish leaders arrested at S. African Embassy protest

By WOLF BLITZER  
Jerusalem Post Correspondent  
WASHINGTON. — Two American Jewish leaders were arrested yesterday by Washington police when they attempted to enter the South African Embassy to protest apartheid.

The detention of American Jewish Congress President Theodore Mann and Executive Vice-President Henry Siegman were the latest in a series of almost daily arrests outside the embassy.

Rabbi Alexander Schindler, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (Reform), was among the approximately 30 other Jews who had joined Mann and Siegman in demonstrating outside the embassy earlier in the day.

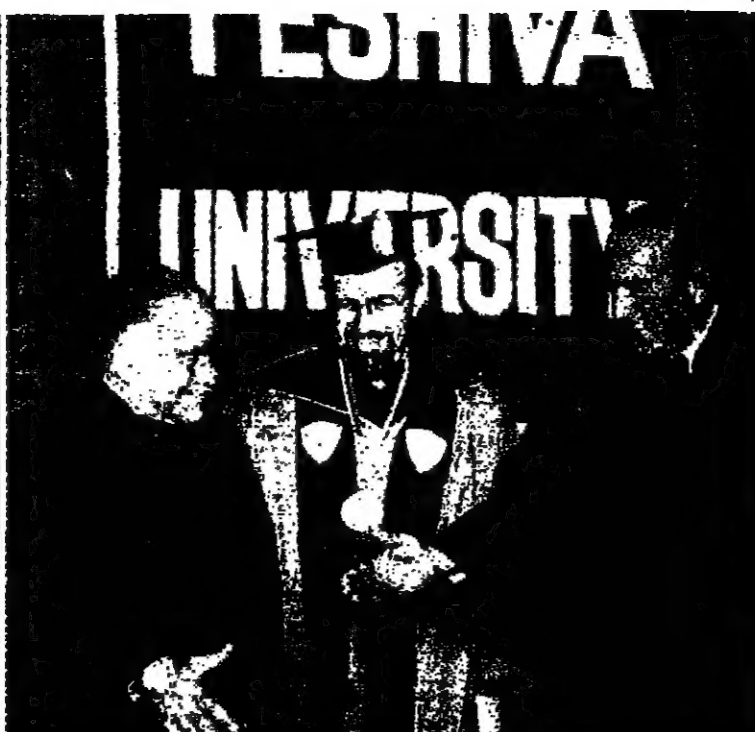
But they did not cross the police lines in front of the building, as had Mann and Siegman to cause the arrests.

A joint statement released by the

American Jewish Congress and the Union of American Hebrew Congregations said: "Jewish tradition and historical experience require that we speak out against all forms of injustice."

At an informal news conference, Schindler was asked to comment about Israel's policies toward South Africa. The rabbi, a former chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, noted that Israel too has condemned apartheid. He said Israel's commercial and political dealings with South Africa are similar to those of other western countries. Trade between the two countries, he said, is but a tiny proportion of South Africa's total business dealings, especially in relation to its trade with the U.S. and even several black African states.

He declared those who "single out" Israel for criticism.



Foreign Minister Shamir and his U.S. counterpart, Secretary of State George Shultz, congratulate each other upon receipt of honorary degrees at Yeshiva University in New York yesterday. University President Norman Lamm looks on. (UPI telephoto)

## Nakoura parley agrees on Christmas recess

Jerusalem Post Staff  
NAKOURA. — Despite a new mediation effort by the U.S., neither Israel nor Lebanon offered any compromises yesterday at the ninth session of talks aimed at ending the IDF's presence in South Lebanon.

The negotiations, which have been under way since November 8, have been deadlocked over the future role of Unifil forces in South Lebanon.

The only achievement at yesterday's talks appeared to be an agreement to suspend the negotiations for the Christmas holiday season.

The Unifil spokesman told reporters following the five-hour session that the two sides agreed to recess after a December 20 session and to resume negotiations on January 7.

The next session is scheduled for Thursday, he added.

Israeli sources said no progress had been made. Both sides reiterated their principle, although these were discussed already in previous meetings.

Israeli sources said the Lebanese delegation had started by repeating the basic elements of their policy, so Israel followed suit.

The sources concluded Lebanon is trying to play for time, but it was not clear why. One possibility was that Beirut decided to stall the talks, to hear what U.S. envoy Richard Murphy has to say after his meetings with the Israeli leaders.

Another possibility suggested was that the Lebanese want to settle their problems in the Khartouh area, where Druse have opposed plans to send the Lebanese Army through to Sidon.

## Rabin: 'Syria the political victor in Lebanon'

Syria has emerged from the Lebanon war with the upper hand in the shaping of Lebanon's political future, Defence Minister Rabin told a meeting of the Alignment Knesset faction last night.

"It may not be pleasant to say this, but that's it," said Rabin.

He refused to give Alignment MKs details of a possible IDF redeployment in South Lebanon, but he stressed that any withdrawal would result in it staying on the newly determined lines "a long time."

Any unilateral move by Israel in Lebanon would not be able to ensure both security and an early withdrawal, he said.

Despite his past opposition to the Lavi fighter project, Rabin said he now favours it, because the U.S. would provide most of the funding.

## Murphy arrives in Syria for talks

DAMASCUS (Reuters). — U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Richard Murphy arrived here yesterday for talks with officials on ways to speed the Israeli withdrawal from Southern Lebanon, western diplomats said.

He flew in from Beirut, where he had similar talks with President Amin Gemayel and Prime Minister Rashid Karamah.

The official Syrian media were cool about Murphy's Damascus visit. *Tahrir* said "Syria has nothing new to tell the U.S. envoy" and asked: "Why should he return to the area when he knows quite well the reasons that hinder any progress in the Nakoura talks?"

Syria demands a total unconditional Israeli withdrawal from Southern Lebanon.

## Shamir in Panama

PANAMA CITY (Reuters). — Vice Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir arrived in Panama yesterday for a 48-hour official visit, a government spokesman said.

The spokesman said Shamir would meet President Nicolas Ardito Barletta, Defence Force chief General Manuel Noriega and Foreign Minister Fernando Cardozo.

## U.S. may increase aid by \$500m. next year

By WOLF BLITZER  
Jerusalem Post Reporter  
WASHINGTON. — The Reagan administration can be expected to raise next year's aid to Israel by some \$500 million, to \$3.1 billion, well informed sources said here yesterday.

This followed Secretary of State George Shultz's meeting on Sunday with visiting Vice Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir. During the meeting, Shultz continued to press for major structural changes in the Israeli economy.

The \$3.1b. figure for fiscal 1986 would represent a \$500m. rise from the \$2.6b. combined economic and military aid level in the 1985 fiscal year programme which passed Congress in October.

It would still be about \$1b. short of the more than \$4b. total requested by Israel. U.S. and Israeli officials noted, however, that the administration has never accepted the full Israeli request in past years.

Finance Minister Yitzhak Moda'i said yesterday there has been no "positive response" by the U.S. on Israel's request for increased economic aid.

Appearing at a meeting of the coalition executive, Moda'i said he had spoken by phone with Shamir. "Shamir reported that our approaches concerning more money from the Americans have not evinced a positive response."

During his meeting with Shamir in New York, Shultz reaffirmed the Reagan administration's readiness to assist Israel in overcoming its economic crisis.

But while U.S. and Israeli officials described the session as "very friendly," they confirmed that Shultz was reluctant to offer any major aid increase commitments without additional evidence that the recently enacted austerity and belt-tightening measures in Israel are working.

The officials agreed that the economic situation in Israel had been the major focus of the discussion.

Shultz, they said, was anxious to make certain that increased U.S. economic and military assistance to Israel would truly be "effective," not simply contributing more money to "a bottomless pit."

For his part, Shamir maintained that the recent Israeli steps are already generating some positive trends. He suggested, according to sources present, that the inflation

rate is going down and that exports are increasing. This would be reflected, he said, in the government's soon-to-be-released statistics.

There was still no word on whether the administration might be prepared to seek a 1985 supplemental economic aid package of several hundred million dollars for Israel in addition to the regular 1986 proposal.

In the coming days, U.S. and Israeli officials are to resume their detailed discussions in Washington on the Israeli economy. Two separate military and economic rounds of meetings have been underway in recent weeks.

These talks come at a crucial time. President Reagan must submit his foreign-aid proposal to Congress in January.

Shultz and his senior economic aides are known to be skeptical that the three-month price and wage freeze in Israel is going to result in any significant improvement, especially in the battle against inflation.

As a result, there is an increased sense in Washington that Israel — in the end — is going to have no alternative but to formally accept some form of a "dollarization" scheme. Shultz is known to favour such a concept.

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## IDF position reportedly set up in Kharroub

By DAVID BERNSTEIN  
Post Middle East Reporter  
and agencies  
Druze and Christian militiamen continued fighting yesterday amid reports that Israel has set up a military position well inside the controversial Kharroub area, where Druse leader Walid Jumblatt is refusing to allow the Lebanese Army to deploy.

Yesterday's fighting was restricted to artillery duels between the rival militias, with shells reported landing to the southeast and north of Beirut.

Eye-witness reports of a new IDF position and gun-emplacement near the village of Jijeh some 10 kilometres north of the Awali River, carried by Reuters in a dispatch from Beirut, coincided with Jumblatt's

continued refusal to allow the Lebanese Army to deploy along the coastal road leading through the Kharroub.

Jumblatt was quoted in Beirut newspapers yesterday as saying that he would allow the Lebanese Army through the Kharroub to take up positions in the south, but that the Druse "reject the army deploying along the (coastal) road to besiege the mountains."

If true, the reported Israeli position in the Kharroub — which would be the first such position north of the Awali since last year's withdrawal from the Shouf — might indicate increased cooperation with the Druse.

Jumblatt has been coming under strong Syrian pressure to allow the

Lebanese Army to deploy in the Kharroub, under a plan Damascus itself was instrumental in drawing up a few weeks ago.

This could have induced him to seek support from Israel, which shares a common interest with Jumblatt in obstructing any Lebanese Army deployment in the Kharroub.

Both Damascus and Beirut have made it plain that the main purpose of the planned deployment would be to challenge Israel's contention that the Lebanese Army is incapable of policing the south.

Jumblatt believes that the army's presence in the Kharroub would weaken his own hold over the area, to the advantage of the Christians who are also laying claim to it.

## Following Indian poison gas disaster

## Makhteshim reviewing all safety precautions

BEERSHEBA. — The management of the Makhteshim Chemical Works here, admitting that it is "very alarmed" by last week's gas-leak disaster in Bhopal, India, is planning to review all of its safety procedures.

Makhteshim manufactures carbaryl, the same insecticide made by Union Carbide in the U.S. and India, at its Ramat Hovav plant 12 kilometres south of here. However, its process does not call for the use of methyl isocyanate, the gas that leaked in India, causing the death of 2,500 and injuring tens of thousands of others.

Shaike Pikarsky, deputy director

of Makhteshim, said that methyl isocyanate is made by only two companies in the West: Union Carbide in the U.S. and Bayer in West Germany. Carbaryl is made by Union Carbide in the U.S. and by a plant in mainland China. "Taiwan, South Korea and Japan make a product similar to carbaryl," said Pikarsky.

One of the components that Makhteshim uses instead of methyl isocyanate is chlorine, which a company scientist described as "terribly dangerous." One hundred tons of it are made in Makhteshim's Ramat Hovav installation daily.

Pikarsky said that Makhteshim maintains high safety standards. The central room in Ramat Hovav is fully automated, with the added precaution of closed-circuit television, he pointed out.

He noted that everyone in both the Beersheba and the Ramat Hovav plants undergoes training in safety procedures in case of malfunctions.

Joseph Kost, Makhteshim's commercial manager, gave three reasons why the Indian disaster could not happen in Israel: because methyl isocyanate is not used; because Ramat Hovav is not close to a heavily populated area; and because of

Makhteshim's safety standards.

Ramat Hovav, situated far from the heart of Beersheba with its population of 120,000, is an industrial park created specifically for potentially dangerous or polluting factories, as well as for the national toxic waste-disposal site. But it is not an empty space. Apart from the hundreds of workers, there are Beduin camps and army bases in the vicinity. Winds can carry lethal

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## NEWS BACKGROUND/Liora Moriel

## Jerusalemites face 524% rates rise

By MICHAEL EILAN Jerusalem Post Reporter  
Municipal rates in Jerusalem will rise by 524 per cent next year, the city council's finance committee decided last night.

The budget for the next fiscal year anticipates a 500 per cent rate of inflation. Another 24 per cent was added in an attempt to cover expected revenue drops from government subsidies and business taxes.

Mayor Teddy Kollek said yesterday that the tax rise was planned so that Jerusalem would not be hit by the financial crisis as have other cities. It is better, he said, to decide on the rise well before the beginning of the fiscal year, so that Jerusalemites know how much they will have to pay.

The budget outline presented yesterday envisages a 5 per cent drop in expenditure on wages. The municipal spokesman said last night that this will probably mean that more municipal workers will lose their jobs. This year, 87 municipal workers have so far been dismissed, and there are plans to reduce the workforce of roughly 5,000 by another 70 persons by next April.

The city plans to offer several discount plans to those who pay their taxes in advance — up to 27 per cent to those who pay in February.

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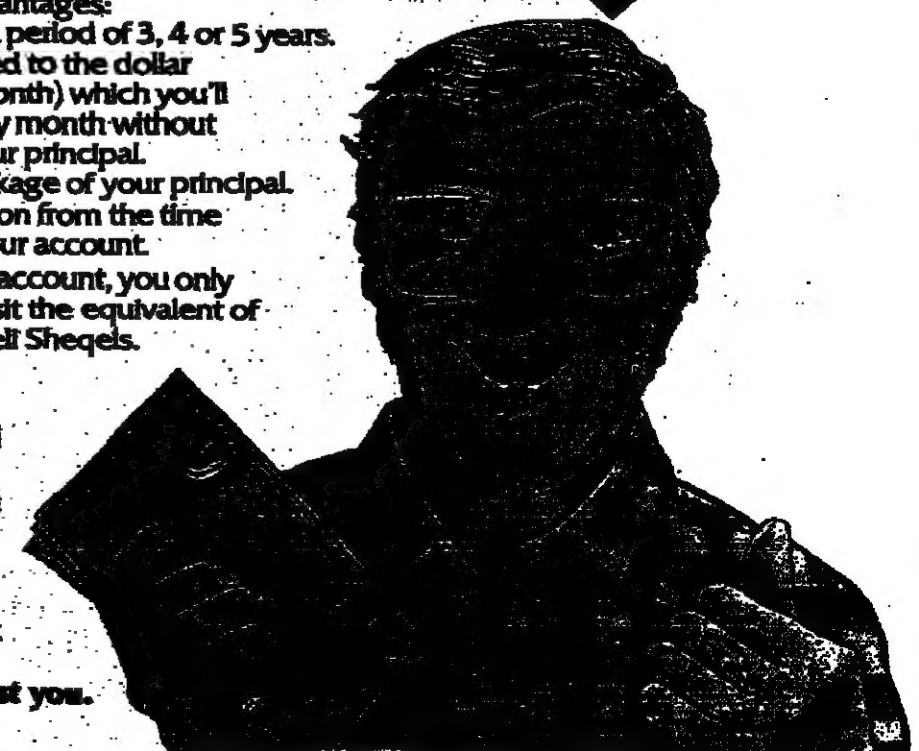
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## THE WEATHER

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Humidity	Humidity	Humidity	Humidity
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Golan	48	10-10	10
Nabatieh	48	10-10	10
Safad	51	4-8	8
Haifa Port	51	10-16	16
Tiberias	46	3-12	13
Nazareth	36	3-12	13
Afula	45	2-16	16
Sharon	34	5-11	12
Tel Aviv	40	7-16	17
B-G Airport	42	5-15	17
Jericho	56	4-17	18
Gaza	49	8-16	17
Beersheba	34	8-15	16
Eilat	14	9-18	19

## SOCIAL & PERSONAL

An evening devoted to Odessa Soviet Jewish activists will be held on Thursday, December 13 at 8 p.m. at the Israel Centre, 10 Rehov Straus, Jerusalem. The speakers will be Lev Roidbuch, former Prisoner of Zion from Odessa, Moshe Kopel, recent visitor to Russia and Yitzhak Sokolov.

## Top Danish diplomat here

Jerusalem Post Staff  
A top Danish diplomat is in Israel for talks with officials here.  
Otto Erling Moller, permanent undersecretary of the Danish Foreign Office, held a working session with his Israeli counterpart, Foreign Ministry director-general David Kimche.

## MAKHTESHIM

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fumes to Beersheba itself, though this is unlikely.

Makhteshim employs 1,250 workers at its two plants. Its exports this year are scheduled to reach \$70 million.

Makhteshim's control rooms are built to isolate workers in case of a gas leak. There are double safety systems so that if one malfunctions, the other takes over. "We are always trying to introduce the latest technology in the matter," said Ilan Levite, company manager for research and development.

Aaron Sittner adds:  
Dr. Alma Avni of the Environmental Protection Service yesterday told the Knesset Interior Committee that deadly gases of the type that caused the mass deaths in Bhopal - methyl isocyanate - are not stored anywhere in the country.

In only one factory, said Avni, is methyl isocyanate present - as a by-product of a certain manufacturing process.

Avni spoke to the committee after Shraga Shemer, head of the Yavne District regional council, voiced concern that dangerous substances are present in the Agan Chemical plant in Ashdod.

Some committee members complained to chairman Dov Shilansky that while several bodies are involved in the fight against poisonous substances, one body rarely knows anything about the other's activities. Shilansky ordered the committee's legal adviser to prepare a report outlining the legal authority of each body.

On another matter, the committee called on the Interior Minister to tell it whether or not the management of Ashdod Port has "a special municipal status." The request follows complaints from local residents about ecological damage caused by projects undertaken within the port complex.

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## Haga (Civil Defence) Exercise in Haifa

Tomorrow and Thursday, Dec. 12 and 13, there will be a Haga exercise in the Haifa area. During the exercise, the sirens will sound in Haifa, Neve Shaanan, Neshet and Tivon. In the event of a real attack, the sirens will sound a rising and falling note.

## HOME NEWS

### Farmers to sell land to Arabs, official says

By YITZHAK OKED  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. - The president of the Private Farmers Federation of Israel (PFFI) yesterday warned that unless the government takes immediate action, Jewish agriculture in Israel is doomed.

Elihu Izakson told a press conference that 20 Jewish farmers are set to sell their land to Arabs who are willing to pay twice the going price. Izakson said that many more farmers are thinking of doing the same but until now have been ashamed to do so.

Shlomo Reisman, general manager of the PFFI, added that what is happening in his organization is also happening in the Histadrut-affiliated Tnuat Hamoshavim (moshav movement). But, he said, that group is ashamed to talk about the problem openly.

Reisman claimed that moshav members have not only sold equipment, greenhouses and chicken coops at a fraction of their original price to Arabs, but that some are working for Arabs.

Izakson demanded the government subsidize farming. "Subsidies is not a dirty word and we should not be ashamed of it. Most of the developed countries in the world subsidize their farmers in one way or other," he said.

He added that 49 million crates of citrus fruit were exported three years ago, but this year the number will be about 33 million. He said the profitability of raising and exporting avocados has gone down by 40 per cent.

He also warned that with Spain and Portugal entering the Common Market in 1986, Israel's exports to Europe will be less profitable. "This will be the last nail in the coffin of the agricultural branch," he said.

A source in the Agriculture Ministry told The Jerusalem Post that the Ministry is working on a three-point programme, including aid for the exports, a return to agricultural planning, and upgrading of the professional level in the farming sector.

The source also said that discussions are under way with the Finance Ministry on ways to compensate export farmers.

### 'Time' man continues testimony

Post New York Correspondent

Time Magazine's Jerusalem bureau chief, Harry Kelly, testified yesterday in Ariel Sharon's libel suit against the magazine that he came to believe that Time correspondent David Halevy was correct in asserting that Sharon had discussed revenge with Pierre and Amin Jemayel at the now famous Bikfaya meeting, in part because Sharon admitted discussing revenge with the Jemayels in his public testimony before the Kahan Commission.

Kelly quoted Sharon as having testified before the Kahan Commission that, "without a doubt revenge exists...Amin (Jemayel) used the word revenge at (Bashir's) funeral...and revenge also appeared in the discussion we had."

Asked by Sharon's lawyer Milton Gould if he concluded from Sharon's public testimony that revenge had been discussed at the meeting at Bikfaya on September 15, 1982, the day before the beginning of the massacre at Sabra and Shatila, Kelly replied "yes I did."

After Kelly admitted that there

had been nothing in the public portion of the Kahan report to indicate that the Bikfaya meeting was important. Gould demanded that the witness explain whether his belief that the alleged discussion of revenge at Bikfaya is mentioned in secret Appendix B to the Kahan report "is your interpretation or (is it) guesswork?" Kelly replied that he had reached his conclusion on the question, "based on all the information I had, and from Halevy's source."

### Sharon: Labour again helping Israel's foes

Industry and Trade Minister Ariel Sharon last night accused the Alignment of aiding Israel's enemies, "as it has done in the past."

Speaking to an Israel Radio reporter in New York, he said that like during the crossing of the Suez Canal in the Yom Kippur War, the bombing of the Iraqi nuclear reactor and the Lebanon war, partisan considerations were preventing the Alignment from supporting his suit against Time magazine.

### Peres to chair meeting on Ata's future

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Prime Minister Peres yesterday told the Knesset Labour and Social Affairs Committee that he will convene a meeting tomorrow of Ata, Clal and Hevrat Ha'Ovdin representatives, in an effort to head off the closure of Ata.

Energy Minister Moshe Shahal told the committee that the only way to keep the company afloat would be to put management in the hands of a public body with experience in the

textile field for a year.

Ata's receivers told the committee that "about 10 potential buyers" have shown interest.

MK Amnon Linn, a Haifa resident, warned that closure of Ata would lead to a chain reaction all through the North "and we will lose all control."

The Haifa District Court last night ordered the Cotton Marketing Board to sell Ata cotton, as long as the company receivers demand it.

### Chirac suggests peace call to Jordan

Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Paris Mayor and Gaullist presidential hopeful Jacques Chirac yesterday urged Israel to freeze West Bank settlements and to pursue an energetic peace overture towards Jordan's King Hussein.

In a conversation with acting foreign minister Moshe Arens, Chirac spoke of the need to press ahead at this time to a breakthrough on the peace front.

Arens said that Israel has repeatedly invited Hussein to enter into peace talks without preconditions - and has always encountered a stony

response.

Israeli sources said Chirac had predicted that the French Socialists would lose heavily in the 1986 parliamentary election and this would force President Francois Mitterrand to resign before the end of his term.

Chirac plainly sees himself as a frontrunner in the presidential stakes.

The mayor told Arens he could not recall a warmer welcome for a visiting statesman than the one accorded last week by the French government and people for Prime Minister Peres.

### INCREASED AID

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Last year, he made it clear that the U.S. Treasury would be prepared to assist Israel in converting its legal tender to dollars. But Israeli public opinion was then not ripe for such a dramatic development, national pride being the main constraint.

U.S. and Israeli officials in Washington now believe that Israeli public opinion has started to come around to accepting dollarization.

At the meeting with Shultz, Shamir also expressed Israel's opposition to any new U.S. arms sales to Saudi Arabia, Jordan and other Arab countries still in a state of war with Israel. Shultz, however, was said to have indicated the administration's readiness to move forward with a new sale.

Israeli officials said Shultz did not speak at all of attempting to revive Reagan's 1982 peace initiative in the coming weeks and months.

### NEWS BACKGROUND/Ya'acov Friedler

### Experts: Grab the French nuclear reactor

HAIFA. - The French government's agreement to sell a nuclear reactor to Israel, brought home from Paris by Prime Minister Peres on Saturday night, has again raised the country's "nuclear fever."

This had been in abeyance for almost 10 years, since president Jimmy Carter suspended an agreement with the Westinghouse company for the sale of a 750 megawatt reactor to the Israel Electric Corporation. Although a letter of intent had already been signed by the two companies, Carter foiled the deal because Israel declined to sign the nuclear non-proliferation treaty (NPT).

This week the experts were agreed

in their recommendation to "grab with both hands" the French offer for a 950 megawatt reactor. "There are better reactors available," but not for Israel, unless it signs the treaty.

The Horev committee, headed by former Technion president Amos Horev, which made an exhaustive study of the nuclear power question for then energy minister Yitzhak Moda'i, unequivocally recommended that Israel join the "nuclear age" at the earliest opportunity when it made its report two years ago. "We worked two years on the problem, heard every expert, and reached a full consensus," Horev told The Jerusalem Post at the time.

They made an in-depth study of the economics and concluded that in the long run, nuclear power would be cheaper than Israel's cheapest, coal-fired stations.

Prof. Amnon Dar, of the Technion's physics faculty, who has been an enthusiastic supporter of nuclear power as "man's future source of energy," told The Post yesterday that the nuclear core comprises only 15 to 20 per cent of the total cost of



An IDF officer forcefully removes a Tehiya supporter yesterday at a demonstration of solidarity with Hebron Rabbi Moshe Levinger near the Dehaishe refugee camp. (Elihu Harari)

### Knesset vote on Kahane set for today after final delay

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN  
Post Knesset Reporter

The Knesset House Committee yesterday again postponed its vote on various motions designed to deal with "the Kahane phenomenon," but this time, only for a day.

The latest deferment was granted at the request of the Alignment faction, which was due to decide last night how its members should vote. Actually, it was already known last Tuesday that the Alignment faction would meet last night on this matter.

The Likud faction decided two weeks ago that its members would vote against Edna Solodar's motion to restrict MK Meir Kahane's privileged freedom of movement.

It is said the Likud will vote, however, to amend the Immunity Law so that it will not protect MK's who violate either the law against

encouraging terrorism or that forbidding the incitement of one part of the population against the other.

House Committee chairman Micha Reiser (Likud-Herut) and Geula Cohen (Tehiya) yesterday criticized Attorney-General Yitzhak Zamir for not having brought charges against Israelis who met with Yasser Arafat or other PLO leaders.

"Toubi [Communist MK Tewfik Toubi] is more dangerous than Kahane," Cohen said.

Yossi Sarid (Citizens Rights Movement) said his faction will oppose any change in the law that would outlaw meetings with PLO leaders. Zamir said that such meetings, if not held in an enemy country, are illegal only if they undermine state security.

The committee meeting was punctuated by frequent and sharp exchanges between Cohen and Toubi.

### State Dep't holds symposium on 'Zionism-is-racism' libel

By WOLF BLITZER  
Post Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON. - The State Department yesterday hosted a full-day symposium aimed at rebutting the 1975 declaration that Zionism is racism.

UN Ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick, Democratic Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan of New York, Israeli Ambassador Meir Rosenne and numerous other speakers strongly condemned the resolution.

Three Jewish organizations, B'nai B'rith International, the World Jewish Congress and the World Zionist Organization organized the conference, which was held in the Loy Henderson Auditorium at the State Department.

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### MKs angry at reported rise in car fees

Post Economic Reporter

A move to raise compulsory third-party car insurance premiums by 24 per cent brought angry protests yesterday from Knesset members who warned that they would take action against it.

Yesterday it was reported that Avner, the company handling the compulsory insurance decided to increase its fees by 24 per cent. But according to Dan Tichon, (Likud-Liberals), the increase cannot take

place during the price freeze, and must be approved by the Knesset Finance Committee; so far, he said, the committee has not been asked to deal with the rise.

Avner is owned by all the country's insurance companies, and was specially set up to handle the compulsory third-party insurance. Tichon warned that unless the planned hike is cancelled he will propose that Avner's activities be transferred to other bodies such as the National Insurance Institute.

### Police official denies wrongdoing

PETAH TIKVA (Itim). - At his trial here on charges of improper behaviour, police Chief Superintendent Moshe Friedman yesterday admitted that he was friendly with a Tel Aviv criminal figure but denied any wrongdoing.

Friedman, formerly head of the Tel Aviv central unit, is on trial at the police disciplinary court on charges of consorting with criminals, obstructing investigations in their favour and accepting gifts from them.

Friedman is also charged with trying to suborn witnesses against him.

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The defence asked for more details on the dates when Friedman is alleged to have committed the offences.

HOSPITAL. - Jerusalem's Misgav Ladach Hospital is to be included on the emergency duty hospital roster from January 1.

### In the Knesset Free education for toddlers postponed at least 3 years

By AARON SITTNER and ARYEH RUBINSTEIN  
Jerusalem Post Reporters

Presentation of a law that would extend free, compulsory education to three- and four-year-olds has been postponed for at least three years. This follows a recommendation to that effect by Education Minister Yitzhak Navon to the Alignment executive yesterday.

The free schooling, which would benefit mainly the Arab population, was a plank in the Alignment election platform. The executive members went along with Navon's suggestion after he pointed out that the programme would cost \$57.3 million annually.

Opposing the suggestion, MK Abdel Wahab Darousha asked sarcastically whether the free schooling promise would be included in the next election campaign, when Alignment candidates again visit Arab communities.

Another dissenter was Binyamin Ben-Eliezer, who said that "education for the tots in the long-term is more important than another military aircraft in the short-term."

Later, speaking in the Knesset plenum, Navon said that he is considering the establishment of a public advisory body where the Arabs of Israel could express their ideas on their children's education.

Replying to a motion for the agenda by Darousha, Navon said that one of the primary goals of the ministry is to improve the education services given to Arab schools and to bring the gap that "unfortunately still exists" between the Jewish and Arab school systems.

Ethics Committee  
Knesset Speaker Shlomo Hillel said yesterday that he has been unable to find a suitable candidate to head the Ethics Committee who is willing to take the job.

At a meeting with Knesset reporters, Hillel also said that close to half of the Knesset members have not yet

submitted the required declaration of assets and income. One member has refused "as a matter of principle" to file a declaration.

The code of ethics authorizes the Speaker to inform the Ethics Committee of members' failure to comply with the provisions of the section on the declaration of assets. Hillel said he intends to do that as soon as he appoints the four-man committee.

The ethics committee is authorized to receive complaints against members for violations of the code and to sit in judgment of them. The committee is also empowered to decide on questions of ethics that are not covered in the code.

Standing army wages

Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin said yesterday he thinks it unfair for standing army personnel to suffer financially because they are barred from organizing on trade-union lines.

He was replying to a motion for the agenda by Ariel Weinstein (Likud-Liberals) calling for paying the standing army the 8 per cent salary increment granted to workers in the public sector in framework agreements.

Rabin said that if the standing army does not get that increment it will mean the *de facto* repeal of the government's decision to link their pay to that of state employees.

Continuing investigation

Defence Minister Rabin said yesterday that, following the submission of the Zorea report, an investigation coordinated by the State Attorney has opened into the killing of two of four Arab terrorists who attempted to commandeer an Israeli bus near the Gaza area. This investigation is continuing, he said.

Replying to a parliamentary question by Mattityahu Peled (Progressive List for Peace), Rabin said that the contents of the Zorea report, other than what has already been published, are classified.

### TRIAL resumes in Cremisan murders

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The trial of Nur Abd Rabu, of Dehaishe, accused of murdering two Israeli students near the Cremisan monastery last October, resumed yesterday in the Ramallah military court.

Abed Rabu, 22, did not deny the facts as argued by the prosecution, but pleaded not guilty to the charges presented to the court.

The judges dismissed the defence's preliminary argument, that the court had no jurisdiction because it is a military tribunal.

Abed Rabu is accused of abducting and shooting Herizal Seri of Jerusalem and Ron Levy of Herzliya while they were on a hike near the monastery outside Beit Jalla.

The weapon he used had been stolen from a soldier on leave at the institute where Abed Rabu worked in Jerusalem.

Proceedings have been postponed to January 22.

### Six injured in Safad by IAF sonic booms

By MENAHEM HOROWITZ  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

SAFAD. - Sonic booms from an Air Force fly-over yesterday shattered dozens of windows at both schools and in homes here. Six schoolgirls were taken to hospital and treated for glass scratches and splinters.

"We grabbed the children and rushed them into the shelters," said Yosef Shitrit, principal of the Beit Hanna school. "We thought it was a Katyusha attack."

The school intends to present the Defence Ministry with IS1 million bill for damages.

TRAFFIC. - The bridge over Wadi Rushmiya, at the eastern entrance to Haifa's Hadar district, for the next three weeks will be open only to outbound traffic. Buses and taxis may travel in both directions.

### KNESSET BRIEFS







## Hijackers faked Kuwaitis' deaths

TEHERAN (Reuters). — Passengers freed from a Kuwaiti Airbus held at Tehran Airport said yesterday the Arab hijackers tortured U.S. and Kuwaiti hostages and used ketchup to stage deaths.

Two U.S. officials were killed in the six-day drama, which began when the plane was seized between the Arabian Gulf and Pakistan and ended Sunday night after disguised Iranian security guards stormed it and arrested the hijackers.

The national news agency Irna said John Costa, an American businessman from New York, was the most severely beaten hostage and had cigarette burns on his face from two "interrogation" sessions with the hijackers.

Costa, quoted by the agency, said he had been beaten "in most places... What they wanted was for me to

say I was from the CIA."

British engineer Neil Beeston said the four hijackers staged an elaborate charade with ketchup to pretend they had shot and killed more hostages.

Beeston, who lives in Windlesham, near London, said several Kuwaiti and American hostages had been beaten and burned with cigarette ends.

At one stage, the hijackers took two Kuwaiti hostages to the plane's steps and pretended to shoot them. Beeston said, "But they dragged the men back inside, ordered them to lie still, ripped their shirts and splattered them with tomato ketchup."

Beeston said a local photographer was called to the plane to take a photograph of the Kuwaitis, who were later kept out of sight of other hostages.

He said the hijackers had appeared ready to die and that he saw explosives being prepared to blow up the plane.

Neither the hijackers nor their organization have been identified, but Beeston described their leader as "a psycho, a killer."

They shouted repeatedly at the hostages and placed a gun at the temple of one and whispered "Bang."

## Thousands of Filipinos march for human rights

MANILA (Reuters). — More than 7,000 protesters blocked a major highway in Manila yesterday, after hundreds of riot police stopped them from getting near the headquarters of the Philippine armed forces.

## Bomb threat delays Nobel ceremony

OSLO — In a ceremony interrupted by a bomb threat, Bishop Desmond Tutu accepted the 1984 Nobel Peace Prize yesterday and said it has brought new hope to his fellow South African blacks and to the oppressed everywhere.

Tutu wore his characteristic purple cassock and clerical collar as he took the world's most prestigious humanitarian award for his advocacy of non-violent struggle against apartheid.

The presentation was held up for an hour and 20 minutes after an anonymous caller told an Oslo newspaper that a bomb was placed in Oslo University's Aula reception hall and would explode in 10 minutes.

Police cleared the auditorium and

searched, but no device was found.

The Norwegian Nobel Committee Chairman, Egil Aarvik, said later that since there was no bomb, the award ceremony would be switched to the university hall again and Tutu led his wife up the steps back into the building.

While waiting outside, Tutu took up Martin Luther King's chant of "We Shall Overcome" and was joined in the singing by Norwegian Prime Minister Kaare Willoch.

Willoch, who lent his overcoat to Tutu's youngest daughter Naomi to protect her from the cold, told reporters this was the most memorable Nobel Peace Prize of his life.

Meanwhile, prize money awarded to the 1983 Nobel Peace Prize winner, Lech Walesa, leader of the

outlawed Polish trade union Solidarity, is still in a Norwegian bank, an official of the Norwegian Nobel Committee said yesterday.

In Stockholm, the daughter of Czechoslovak poet Jaroslav Seifert said yesterday in a speech accepting the 1984 Nobel Literature Prize on his behalf that her father wished to pay tribute to those whose work went unrewarded.

Jana Seifertova collected her 83-year-old father's award at a ceremony in Stockholm's concert hall at which Nobel prizes for physics, chemistry, medicine and economics were also presented.

Seifert, one of the original members of the Charter 77 human rights movement in Czechoslovakia, did not collect the prize in person because of poor health. (AP, Reuters).

## Sports

### Seeking to impair Barcelona's fine record

By DON GOULD  
TEL AVIV. — It's make or break tonight for Hapoel Tel Aviv.

They lost their opening game in the European Cup Winners' Cup semifinal pool against Villeneuve last week. As a result the Israeli basketball club have given themselves an awesome challenge to get back into contention. They entertain at Ussishkin stadium tonight 5:30 start the powerful Spanish club Barcelona.

Barcelona enter the fray with several comfortable memories. They defeated Maccabi Tel Aviv twice in last season's Champions Cup, they pipped the group favourites Gazeta last week, they are joint top of the Spanish league (14-2) with Real Madrid, Maccabi's opponents on Thursday night.

Starting line-ups: BARCELONA (vet. No. in parentheses) — C. Sibilio (6), I. Solozabal (1), O. Haroz (8), M. Puyol (14), J. San Esteban (15), Coach: D. Antonio Serra.

HAP. T.A. — J. Williams, M. Merrett, W. Sims, M. Largent, P. Horner, or S. Zisman, Coach: Yehoshua Kohn.

### Riggins runs down Cowboys for Redskins

NEW YORK (AP). — The Washington Redskins took sole possession of first place in the National Football League's NFC East Division with a 30-25 victory over the Dallas Cowboys while Eric Dickerson of the Los Angeles Rams broke O.J. Simpson's rushing record for a season. These were the keynote features of Sunday's NFL action.

With their big show-down victory over the Cowboys, the Redskins inched ahead of three rivals in the exciting division with a 10-5 record. Dallas dropped into a three-way tie for second place with one game remaining for all in the regular season. The Cowboys are 9-6, the same record as the St. Louis Cardinals and the New York Giants. The Cardinals kept their playoff hopes alive with a 31-21 victory over the giants.

The Redskins can win the title outright with a victory over St. Louis next Sunday. The Cowboys play at Miami on Monday night and the Giants host New Orleans on Saturday in their season finale.

Washington running back John Riggins, hospitalized with a bad back six days ago, rushed for 111 yards, including a 1-yard smash for a fourth-quarter touchdown to key the Redskins' victory.

Dickerson rushed past Simpson's NFL single-season record of 2,083 yards when he ran for 215 yards and scored twice as the Rams defeated the Houston Oilers 27-16 and kept their season hopes alive. The Rams, 10-5, can add a wild-card berth in the playoffs if they beat the San Francisco 49ers.

In Denver, Rich Kirtley kicked three field goals, including a 2-yarder with 2:08 left, as the Broncos snapped a two-game losing streak with a 16-13 victory with the San Diego Chargers. The victory drew Denver into a first-place tie with Seattle who hosted in Kansas City 34-21, in the AFC West. Denver plays their regular-season finale in Seattle on Saturday with the division title at stake.

Other results — Miami 35 Indianapolis 17; Green Bay 20 Chicago 14; Tampa Bay 23 Atlanta 6; Philadelphia 27 New England 17; Cincinnati 24 New Orleans 21; Pittsburgh 23 Cleveland 20.

### Gomes to the rescue

ADELAIDE (Reuters). — A ninth Test century to Larry Gomes helped put West Indies in an impregnable position at the close of the fourth day of the third cricket test against Australia here.

With only a day left to play, West Indies are 292 for seven in their second innings, a lead of 364.

Gomes, who came in the wicket with 11 tourists in some trouble at 39 for two, hit an unbeaten 120 in over five hours to push his average for the series to 109.66. The left-handed Trinidadian shared a fifth-wicket partnership with Viv Richards, who ended a run of single figure scores with a valuable innings of 4.

Geoff Lawson was again the most successful of the Aussie bowlers with three for 69 while his fellow-pacer Rodney Hogg captured three for 77.

Scores: WI 356 and 292-7; Australia 284. Clive Lloyd who indicated he would declare his team today said he thought his side had ample lead and a chance of bowling Australia out, particularly on the new uneven wicket. "The cracks are beginning to appear and there's no grass on the pitch. The ball is sure to keep low," he predicted as the West Indies go for their third successive victory.

In Karachi, Pakistan and New Zealand shared the honours of the first day's play in their third and final Test.

The Kiwis first claimed five Pakistani wickets for 134 runs in the morning session. But they looked completely on top, the Pakistani pair of Salim Malik and Wasim Raja stood bravely between their team and total collapse. When stumps were drawn, the two were still batting and had carried the score from 124 for 5 to 203 for 5 (Salim 50, Wasim 38). Pakistan are 2-0 up in the series.

England beat Western Australia by one wicket in a women's 50 over match: WA 115 for seven; England 119 for 9.

### Peace race in capital

By JACK LEON

TEL AVIV. — A 4-km. "Jerusalem Peace Race" around the walls of the Old City this morning will inaugurate the first-ever week-long tour in Israel for overseas runners. Seventy men and women from a dozen countries are here for the event in the capital and another 30 are due today to join the contingent. The tour winds up at next Monday's eighth annual Sea of Galilee International Marathon.

The Peace Race starts at 6:30 a.m. from the Jaffa Gate and ends at the King David Hotel. The programme continues on Thursday with an 8-km. international cross-country race at Kibbutz Mishmar Hasharon for seven different age categories. The race begins at 2:30 p.m. with registration at the starting point until 2 p.m.

### Explosion on ice

CHICAGO (AP). — Denis Savard exploded for two first period goals in a 19-second span and then collected his third career hat-trick with a third period goal to give the Chicago Black Hawks a 7-2 National Hockey League victory over the Toronto Maple Leafs.

Other NHL results: Winnipeg 4 Minnesota 2; Buffalo 4 Quebec 4 (OT).

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### S.A. police drop dissidents' arrest

JOHANNESBURG. — South African police announced they have cancelled detention notices against three anti-apartheid campaigners who took sanctuary in the British Consulate in Durban on September 13, thus apparently clearing the way for the dissidents to end their 90-day holdout in the consulate.

The spokesman at police headquarters in Pretoria said detention notices were also cancelled against "all detainees" held under section 28 of the Internal Security Act. He said he did not know how many persons were affected.

The announcement apparently opened the way for the release of three other dissidents who had held

out in the consulate for 24 days and were seized when they left the British mission October 6.

The Internal Security Act allows a detainee to be held without trial for up to six months.

Last week 11 people, including union leaders who promoted a two-day general strike last month in the industrialized Transvaal Province, were freed and another five charged with economic subversion.

U.S. President Ronald Reagan claimed credit for the release of the 11 after he met South Africa's Bishop Desmond Tutu, saying it was the result of his policy of friendly "constructive engagement" rather than confrontation with Pretoria. (AP and Reuters)

### Sri Lanka imposes record curfew on north

COLOMBO (Reuters). — Security forces yesterday clamped northern Sri Lanka under the longest curfew imposed there since Tamil guerrillas began their campaign for a separate state in the mid-1970s.

The government announced a 61-hour curfew for the Jaffna Peninsula as U.S. Special Envoy Vernon Walters met Sri Lankan leaders to discuss the upsurge of guerrilla violence which has claimed more than 370

lives in three weeks.

Soldiers and police detained at least 300 suspected rebels in the north under cover of a 42-hour curfew over the weekend.

Walters handed President Junius Jayewardene a message from President Reagan amid reports that they would discuss military supplies.

Officials from both countries declined to comment on the contents of the message.

### Settler flight follows Kanak withdrawal

THIO, New Caledonia. — The Independence Front pulled its forces out of Thio yesterday after 18 days, but armed militants continued to control roads in and out of town, as white residents fled in vehicles loaded with possessions.

This was seized by the front on November 22, and cut off from the outside by barricades.

"We go. There is nothing here for us now," said a frightened woman as she and her husband loaded belongings into a car.

French authorities in the capital of Noumea said that the island was calm. All roadblocks had been lifted and the front was just maintaining road checks at Thio and Mou, the high commission said.

The front removed the barricades

after French authorities agreed to release 17 front members last week. Front officials did not say why the Thio barricades did not come down until yesterday.

Front leader Jean-Marie Tjibaou met with special French envoy Edgard Pisani late Sunday night for talks on the island's future, a front spokesman said. He declined to give any details on the talks.

The front, which claims to represent most of the native Kanak people, is seeking independence from France.

But independence is opposed by the French, Polynesian and Asian residents who make up 57 per cent of the 150,000-strong population. (AP, Reuters)

### Claims in Indian disaster may reach \$1b.

BHOPAL, India (Reuters). — A leading U.S. lawyer in the gas disaster city of Bhopal said yesterday individual claims for damages could reach \$1 billion.

John Coale, who flew in at the weekend, told reporters he had agreements with 5,000 victims, including signed statements from relatives of those who died as well as an agreement to represent Bhopal's mayor and city council.

A battle over compensation is building up after the deaths of 2,500 people when poison gas leaked from a pesticides factory owned by the

Indian subsidiary of the American Union Carbide Company.

"Damages to all the individuals who suffered could run to \$1 billion but if punitive damages are added the amount could bankrupt Union Carbide," Coale said.

A spokesman for the Hamidia hospital said four more people died yesterday from lung and respiratory disorders.

The official death toll stands at 1,312 but unofficial reports say it has reached at least 2,500. About 125,000 people have been treated following last week's disaster.

### Jesuit order dismisses Nicaraguan minister

VATICAN CITY (AP). — Nicaragua's education minister, who has been serving in the leftist Sandinista cabinet in defiance of the pope, has been ousted from the Jesuit order, the spokesman for the order announced yesterday.

The Rev. Johannes Gerhartz, the Jesuit spokesman, said the Jesuit provincial superior in Central America has given the Rev. Fernando Cardinal "a document dismissing

him from the Society of Jesus."

Under Pope John Paul II's instructions, the Vatican has been seeking the resignation from government posts of four Roman Catholic priests including Cardinal.

The three others are Foreign Minister Miguel D'Escoto, Culture Minister Ernesto Cardenal, who is Fernando's brother, and Edgard Parrales, Nicaragua's ambassador to the Organization of American States.

### Lost symphony by Mozart performed

ODENSE, Denmark (AP). — Viva-ving Corporation recorded it, and a film crew was on hand to complete a Danish, British, American and Japanese co-production of an hour-long television documentary on the resurrection of the symphony. The production has a potential audience of 250 million.

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### Kremlin number two said still in control

MOSCOW (Reuters). — A major speech by Kremlin number-two Mikhail Gorbachev, outlining the Communist Party's political strategy, has shown he is clearly in control of the key post of ideology. Western diplomats said yesterday.

during which he will hold talks with Conservative Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe.

Gorbachev is due in Britain on Saturday to begin a week-long visit

Although his speech, reported by the official news agency Tass, contained no new statement, diplomats saw it as a fresh indication of Gorbachev's seniority within the party.

### Speculation on Chernenko—Reagan talks

BONN (AP). — West Germany's leading news magazine and the nation's biggest mass-circulation daily newspaper speculated yesterday that U.S. President Reagan and Soviet Leader Chernenko might hold a summit in Berlin next May.

There was no immediate confirmation of the reports by *Der Spiegel* and *Bild* from either the Bonn government or the U.S. Embassy.

However, Bonn announced that U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz would pay a private visit to Chancellor Helmut Kohl on Saturday, and political observers suggested topics might include the possibility of an East-West summit.

Citing the private nature of the visit, the Kohl government refused to disclose the agenda for the Shultz trip, which comes on the heels of a Brussels conference of Nato foreign ministers.

In an interview in yesterday's editions of *Bild*, a government spokesman referred to no specific plans for a Reagan-Chernenko summit but did not rule out the possibility of Berlin as a meeting place.

West Germany "is for a summit meeting between the two," he was quoted as saying. "Why not in Berlin, where the rift between East and West is the most visible and sorrowful?"

*Der Spiegel* quoted West Germany's ambassador to Washington, Guenter von Well, as saying the Americans were considering tying a Reagan-Chernenko summit in with the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II next May.

### Carrier visits Tokyo in spite of protests

YOKOSUKA, Japan (Reuters). — The U.S. aircraft carrier Carl Vinson sailed into Tokyo Bay yesterday with Japanese naval craft shielding it from a flotilla of small boats jammed with anti-nuclear protesters.

The 23 small boats were outnumbered nearly two-to-one by Japanese patrol vessels, the Maritime Safety Agency said.

It said a bottle was thrown from a boat manned by left-wingers at a vessel chartered by rightists to welcome the 81,600-ton carrier. Otherwise, there was no violence.

On shore, police arrested 13 members of a group of about 230 radical left-wing demonstrators. A police spokesman said they had been charged with obstruction.

The Carl Vinson, newest of the giant U.S. carriers, is making a three-day liberty call at this port which serves as headquarters of the U.S. Seventh Fleet.

Facilities and left-wingers have mounted a strong campaign against the carrier because some of its 90 aircraft can carry nuclear weapons. They said its presence in the region would increase tension with the Soviet fleet.

### Why the upper class looks down on the working class

LONDON (Reuters). — The British upper classes are tall and thin while the lower orders tend to be short and fat, according to a government survey out yesterday.

The report, "The Heights and Weights of Adults in Great Britain," commissioned by the Health Ministry as an aid to preventive medicine, said among its findings: "In almost every age group, people from households headed by a manual worker were shorter, on average, than people from non-manual worker households."



THERE ARE few things that people are more avid for in life than money. But money is not what it used to be. The gold sovereign was something worth hoarding. So was the dollar when it was linked to gold.

Today's money isn't linked to anything. Governments undertake to preserve its purchasing power. If they succeed, the money is called a hard currency, and people are ready to keep it.

The shekel is unfortunately a soft currency, so soft that everybody tries to get rid of it. There is too much of it around so that its value keeps dropping. In this respect the Israeli authorities have betrayed their trust.

Other currencies depreciate as well, but by a few percentage points each year. That does no harm; some say it even does good. Debt burdens are eased, people are encouraged to invest (rather than keep the banknotes under a mattress).

But once inflation soars sky-high, money becomes less and less useful, to the point where it ceases to be real money.

Personnel in *The Jerusalem Post* receive each month as a perk big and little coupons for their staff canteen. A small one buys a coffee, a big one (or two small ones) buys a sandwich. These tokens are a hard currency, linked to the value of food. They are worth hoarding — more than the shekel which, until the present three-month price freeze, bought less with every day that passed.

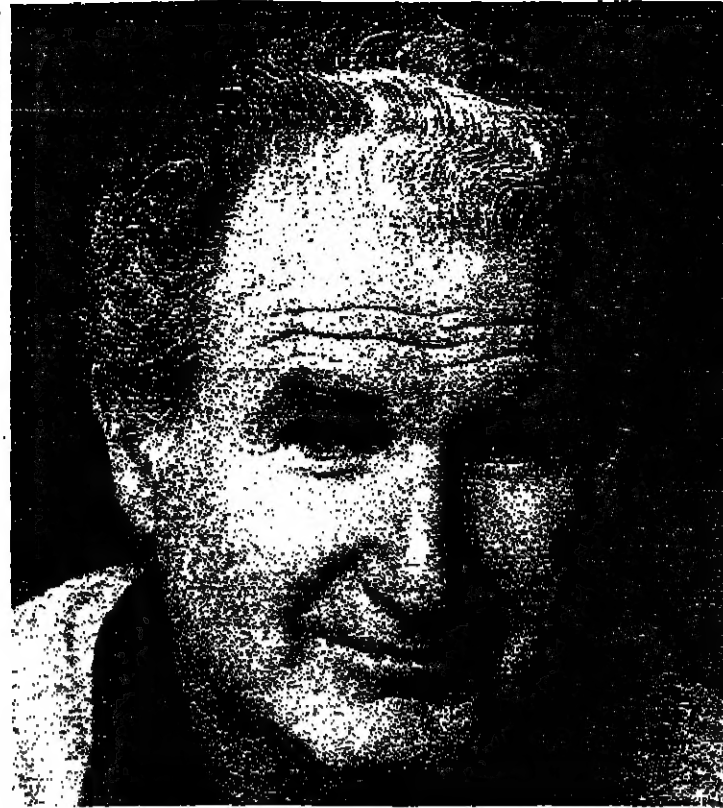
Once things get to such a situation, governments have little alternative but to issue an altogether new currency, in the hope that the public will renew its act of faith and give this means of exchange a chance.

THE SHEKEL is on its way out. Its life was short. It was born in 1980, when Yigael Hurvitz, then finance minister, lopped one zero off the Israeli pound. Now Finance Minister Yitzhak Moda'i says that two zeroes should be lopped off the shekel.

That will require the passage of a new law — according to the responsible official, Shmuel Peled, who heads the Bank of Israel's Currency Department. The Shekel Currency

Post's David Krivine talks to the head of the Bank of Israel's currency department

## THE RISE AND FALL OF THE SHEKEL



Shmuel Peled...counting the cash.

Law of 1980, which states that the shekel is legal tender and is worth 10 Israeli pounds, will have to be replaced by another piece of legislation, the New Shekel Currency Law or the Zuz Currency Law or whatever, stating (if two zeroes are to be excised) that the new shekel or zuz is worth 100 old shekels.

Many simple folk in Israel today still think and calculate in terms of pounds. When they are charged \$100,000, they talk of having to pay a million pounds. Will they stick to *lirot* when the new currency arrives, as it must in the course of time? Or will they shift one step (not two) forward, and start referring to the newfangled zuz or kesita or kitar as 100 shekels?

The reason for discarding the

shekel is not only that it is associated with runaway inflation, but also that as a result of inflation, it has become altogether too cumbersome. A cashier wanting to register \$130,000 has in some shops to enter \$139,000 three times and \$13,000 once to make the total. Computers cannot cope with the millions and billions; and the state budget is already running into trillions.

Under the circumstances small money like a single shekel is scorned; people won't bother to pick it up if it drops to the floor. That is demoralizing, given that our national currency is, after all, a symbol of statehood and is supposed to possess value.

The single shekel piece is no longer worth producing, it costs \$10 to

make. Nor does it serve a purpose. As inflation worsens, bigger denominations are introduced, and small ones are gradually phased out of circulation.

Where does the money we use come from? Private persons have deposits in the commercial banks; if they want money, they cash a cheque. The commercial banks have a bank of their own, the central bank or Bank of Israel, in which they keep their deposits. When the commercial banks need cash they draw on those deposits. The central bank provides the cash through the simple device of minting the stuff.

It can only mint coins or print banknotes for people entitled to them, that is for customers (the commercial banks) who own de-

posits on which they can draw.

However, the Bank of Israel has on its books another customer, apart from the commercial banks: the Israel Government. The Treasury can borrow money without providing any security against the loan, and that is a privilege which can easily be abused. The Israel Government has abused it. Last month the Bank of Israel loaned the Treasury \$130b., or four-thousand-million shekels a day. No wonder the printing presses are working overtime.

It is quite a business manufacturing money. Peled runs what he sees as an industrial process. Trucks from Brinks Armoured Car Service bring to the Currency Department every night takings that the banks want to deposit. In 1983, 166 million units of currency (that is, banknotes and coins) were delivered; in the first half of the present year, the figure was 91 million.

Peled's men have to count all that cash, scrutinizing each note and each coin. Those too worn for further use have to be burned or melted down. New mintings are necessary for replacements. At any one moment 850 million coins are in circulation, and over 100 million banknotes.

As money loses value, bigger denominations are introduced. In February 1980 the biggest unit issued was the 50-shekel note (itself a substitute for the 500-pound note carrying Ben-Gurion's head). Then came in rapid succession notes of 100 shekels, 500 shekels, one thousand, five thousand and ten thousand shekels.

In all, a pleasing evening.

ESTHER REUTER

In preparation is a \$50,000 note, to carry the head of the author Shai Agnon. That seems a lot of money, but it only comes at present exchange-rates to \$85. The German thousand-mark note equals \$190,000 or nearly four times as much, and the Swiss thousand-franc note \$231,000.

THE BANK of Israel needs the approval of the finance minister to issue a new coin or banknote. A public committee decides which historic personality shall be commemorated and what the design shall be. The art work is performed locally, but the manufacturing of the money is done abroad.

"It would be too costly to set up the special printing facility here," Peled observes; and it is special to prevent forgery. A water-mark is injected into the paper; depicts the human head, which appears in a larger size and in colour more prominently on the banknote.

The design is engraved in intaglio, that is, in relief. Each note has a security thread (a black line from top to bottom). Two small meaningless motifs appear, one on each side of the note. Put the note up to the light, and the two motifs melt into the shape of a Shield of David. This test checks for perfect registration.

Israel's legal tender is the subject of arduous study by devotees of numismatics. "It's no crazier than philately," Peled declares. A group of enthusiasts created the American-Israel Numismatic Association, which concentrates on Israel's currency and publishes a bi-monthly magazine entitled *The Shekel*.

The Bank of Israel takes trouble to supply collector's pieces. "The 10-shekel note that used to exist carried the head of Theodor Herzl," Peled recalls. "When we replaced it with a 10-shekel piece, we decided to perpetuate the representation of Herzl's head. We issued two million coins with that image, though all other ten-shekel coins depict an ancient seacraft."

Similarly this year a 50-shekel coin will be issued with the head of Ben-Gurion, and a 100-shekel coin with the head of Jabotinsky. Only two million units are to be minted. They will mostly be snapped up by the numismatists, as will the most recent special coin: a 100-shekel piece with "Hanukka" inscribed on it, made public on the 2nd of this month, in good time for the festival.

The issue of special coins is not as pointless as it sounds. Unlike the very small pieces, they are worth more than their production costs, so "selling" them to whoever wants them for his collection helps in a modest way to mop up purchasing-power in these inflationary times.

Valuable coins made of silver or gold are minted to commemorate great events. These are produced for the government-owned Israel Coins and Medals Corporation, which sells them unashamedly at a profit, the money going into the coffers of the

Treasury. Not that the buyers lose on the deal: the coins are prone to rise in value, way above their purchase-price.

WHAT DOES the future hold? Creating a new currency will not cure inflation; on the contrary, the shekel ought not to be jettisoned until inflation is brought under control. That is the aim of official policy. It is difficult to achieve, but the economic ministers led by Prime Minister Shimon Peres and Moda'i are using a fresh technique in their economy drive: the technique of keeping it at.

They shave off expenditure where they can. If they manage to cut only half the intended sum from one ministry, they will try to cut the other half somewhere else. If, in the end, they fail to cut the requisite totals, they will fall back on the fiscal arm and increase taxes.

The fate of the currency is linked to the fate of the budget. Inflation must be tamed, and all the tricks advocated to tame it are variations on the same budget-cutting theme. Dollarization is an attempt to force the government's hand, by making it impossible to print money and therefore difficult (though not impossible) to run a budget deficit.

Dollarization is equivalent to restoring the gold standard, only this time it would be the dollar standard. Just as governments could not in the old days print money without a gold backing, so under former finance minister Yoram Andor's plan, the Israel Government would be unable to print shekels without a dollar backing.

This would put departmental spenders in a strait-jacket. They could still demand more money at the expense of other ministries, or the government could borrow dollars abroad as a backing for deficit financing. But it would be more difficult.

Moda'i hopes to cut expenditure by agreement, without having to resort to devices that impose economies by force. In either event, the objective is clear and unambiguous: to restore stability to the currency. The economy cannot recover without that. Israel's money, whether it is called shekels or any other antique name, must be made into a reasonably hard currency once again. It must retain its value from week to week, from month to month and from year to year.

Money is supposed to be a unit of value that can be relied upon, kept without fear and traded confidently. Should that stabilization be achieved, all other problems — of output, foreign trade, exchange-rates, the balance of payments — will fall into place. The shekel must be converted from money into real money. That is what the package deal and all the other economy measures of the national unity government are all about.

The writer is a member of the editorial staff of The Jerusalem Post.

## Welcome guest

### MUSIC REVIEWS

among the least known works of this composer (Bernstein did the overture recently, which was rather drawn-out and boring), and the excerpts here, while not adding anything to one's appreciation of Tchaikovsky, gave us an unsophisticated experience of some attraction. Finally, Ibert's *Divertissement* was champagne-like in its French wit and charm. Its sardonic parodies climaxed in a light-hearted, infectious Carnival mood, not yet quite seasonal, but putting everyone in good mood — something needed these days.

YOHANAN BOEHM

ISRAEL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA, Herbert Blomstedt, conducting, with Mischa Maisky, cello (Halla, Andromeda, December 6). Bayad: Symphony No. 16 in E-flat major; Shostakovich-Concerto No. 1 in E-flat major for cello and orchestra, Op. 107; Brahms: Symphony No. 3 in F major, Op. 96.

IT IS not often that when listening to contemporary music, one finds that a performer vividly identifies with the composition. Mischa Maisky achieved this in the Shostakovich cello concerto. Written in 1959, it was dedicated to cellist Mstislav Rostropovich, one of Maisky's teachers. Demonstrating impressive technical abilities, rhythmic alert-

ness and sensitivity, the soloist gave us a performance that was very convincing. Good dialogues with solo parts and efficient accompaniment contributed to making the whole presentation of this interesting work quite enjoyable.

Herbert Blomstedt led the IPO with ease and resourcefulness. First came a satisfying presentation of Haydn in turn lyric, graceful, humorous and light. The performance had formal clarity, rich dynamic gradings and polish.

Conductor and orchestra achieved also good results in the Brahms symphony. The committed reading of the score revealed the vitality of the work, the power of the first and last part, the quietness of the slow movement and the suavity of the *Poco Allegro* with its chamber music atmosphere.

In all, a pleasing evening.

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### TELEVISION

**EDUCATIONAL:**  
8.15 School Broadcasts 15.00 Everyman's University: Israeli Literature, Our First Years. Viewpoint 16.00 Rainbow - Hanukka 16.20 Legend 16.30 No Secrets 17.00 A New Evening - live magazine

**CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMES:**  
17.30 Mays the Bee (part 2)  
18.00 Easter. Higher. Stronger - sports ARABIC LANGUAGE programmes:  
18.30 News roundup  
18.32 Youth Magazine  
19.00 Documentary - World Development, part 3  
19.30 News

**HEBREW PROGRAMMES** resume at 20.00 with a news roundup  
20.02 What a Picce - TV game  
20.30 Kolbotek - consumer magazine  
21.00 Mabat Newsweek  
21.30 Second Look - news commentary and background  
22.10 Something in Disguise - 6-part British drama based on the book by Elizabeth Jane Howard, starring Richard Vernon, Ursula Howells and Elizabeth Garvie. Part 4: Surrey Blues  
23.00 Blood Money - Part 4 of a 6-part BBC suspense serial about the kidnapping of a young boy  
23.30 News

**JORDAN TV** (unofficial):  
17.30 The Pappenhelmers 18.00 French Hour 18.30 JTV 3 Science Film 19.00 News in French 19.30 News in Hebrew 19.45 Magazine Zero One 20.00 News in Arabic 20.30 Tom Dick and Harriet 21.10 Tenko 22.00 News in English 22.15 The Yellow Rose

**MIDDLE EAST TV** (from T.A. north):  
13.00 Westbrook Hospital 13.30 Another Life 14.00 Club 14.30 Shape-up 15.00

### ON THE AIR

#### Voice of Music

6.02 Musical Clock  
7.07 Zelenka: Sonata for Harpsichord (Frank Pella); Weber: Andante and Rondo for Violin and Orchestra (Zakermann, Los Angeles); Ysaye: Ballade-Sonata in D minor  
7.30 Haydn: Overture in C; Beethoven: Piano Concerto in E-flat; Mendelssohn: Fingal's Cave Overture (London Symphony, Gabriel Chmura); Schumann: Andante and Variations, for 2 Cello, 2 Flutes & Horn; Schubert: excerpts from Claudio de la Villa; Brahms: Double Concerto (Perlman, Rostropovich, Concertgebouw, Haink); Chopin: Ballade No. 2 (Daniel Adini)  
9.30 Tchaikovsky: Music to Dimitri the Priest; Dvorak: Bagatelles for Strings & Harp; Saint-Saens: Carnival des Animaux; Debussy: 2 Fanfares from St. Sebastian; Ravel: Bolero (Lorin Maazel); Rimsky-Korsakov: Piano Concerto; Glinka: Fantasy of 2 Russian Songs; Gounod: Little Symphony for Winds; Mozart: Andante for Flute, K. 315; Bach: Brandenburg Concerto No. 1; Praetorius: Dances  
12.00 Foromescu. The New Moon Kuchnecke: The Vetter aus Dingsda  
14.06 Mozart: Sonata K. 379 (Lydia Mokkowitz-Albin Sternfeld); Rossini: 2 Songs (Yanulfa Pappas-Benjamin Oren); Brahms: Clarinet Sonata (Op. 120, No. 1) (Eli Hefetz-Rina Radek)  
15.00 Music Quiz  
15.25 Little Concert  
16.00 Youth Programme  
16.30 Michael Boguslavsky, piano - Bach: Busoni; Chaconne; Brahms: 3 Intermezzi, Op. 117; Shostakovich: 2 Preludes and Fugues, Op. 87; Schumann: Fantasy Op. 17 18.00 From The Record Library  
19.05 Vivaldi: Flute Concerto (Gazzaroni); Bach-Schubert: Prelude and Fugue in E-flat; Strindberg: Quartet Op. 20, No. 4 (Brands); Weber: Aria from Der Freischuetz (Lucia Poppi); Chopin: Preludes (Murray Perahia); Khachaturian: Russian Fantasy; Dvorak: Slavonic Dances Nos. 5 & 6 (Christina Scott)

### First Programme

6.03 Programmes for Olim  
7.30 Morning Concert (from Voice of Music)  
8.00 Encounter - live family magazine  
10.30 Programme in Easy Hebrew  
11.30 Education for all  
12.05 Sephardic songs  
13.00 News in English  
13.30 News in French  
14.06 Children's programmes  
15.25 Notes on a New Book  
16.05 Jewish Ideas  
17.20 Everyman's University: The Yellow Band  
18.06 Afternoon Classics  
19.05 Talmud Lesson  
19.30 Programmes for Olim  
22.05 Two by Two

### Second Programme

6.53 Green Light - drivers' corner  
7.00 This Morning - news magazine  
8.05 Safe Journey  
9.05 House Call - with Rivka Michaeli  
10.10 All Shades of the Network  
12.10 Open Line - news and music  
13.00 Midday - news commentary, music  
14.06 Matters of Interest - with Gabi Gadi  
16.10 Safe Journey  
17.10 Economics Magazine  
17.30 Of Men and Figures  
18.06 Health and Medicine Magazine  
18.45 Today in Sport  
19.05 Today - radio newscast  
19.30 New World - environment magazine  
20.05 Cantorial Requests  
22.05 Folk songs  
23.05 Quiz

### Army

6.10 Morning Sounds  
6.30 University on the Air  
7.07 "707" - with Alex Anski  
8.05 Morning Newscast  
9.05 Right Now - with Rafi Reshef  
11.05 Israeli Autumn - with Eli Yarseli  
12.05 Regards - to and from soldiers serving in Lebanon  
13.15 Two Hours  
16.05 Four in the Afternoon  
17.05 Evening Newscast  
18.05 Computer Magazine  
19.05 Music Today - music magazine  
20.05 Folk Plus

### CINEMAS

**JERUSALEM 4, 7, 9**  
Bell Agnon: 1984 at 5, 7, 9; Eden: Red Dawn; Edson: Woman in Red; Habishin: Omega Mystery; Kfir: Splash; Michael: Daniel (6.45, 9); Ory: Paris, Texas 4, 6.45, 9; Ory: Ghost Busters; Ory: Rage and Glory; Ron: Beyond the Wall; Semadar: Day in the Country 7.15, 9.15; Shmuel: Ha'mama Atlatz 7, 9; Cinema One: Swan Lake (animated) 4; Vol 7: Last Tango in Paris 9; Cinematheque: Bezit Meadow and October 7; Le Signe du Lion 9 (small hall); Die Flammierte Frau 9.30; Israel Museum: Requiem 6, 8.30  
**TEL AVIV 4.30, 7.15, 9.30**  
Allenby: The Outsiders; Ben-Yehuda: Woman in Red; Chen 1: Rage and Glory 4.40, 7.20, 9.45; Chen 2: Reuben Reuben 4.45, 7.20, 9.40; Chen 3: Splash 4.40, 7.20, 9.45; Chen 4: Romancing the Stone 10.30, 1.30, 4.40, 7.20, 9.45; Chen 5: Grey Fox 10.30, 1.30, 4.45, 7.20, 9.40; Cinema One: Angel; Cinema Two: Blues

Brothers 4.30, 7, 9.30; Dekel: Trouble in Paradise 7.30, 9.30; Drive-In: Bugs Bunny 5.30; Cannonball 11, 9.30; Sex film, midnight; Esther: Love - Strange Love; Gati: Curmen 3.30, 6.30, 9.30; Gordon: 1984 4.45, 7.20, 9.35; Hedi: Top Secret: Lev II: Beyond the Walls 1.45, 4.45, 7.15, 9.30; Lev II: Duty Free Marriage 1.45, 7.30, 9.40; Lino: Harry and Son; Max: Zigzag, Zigzag; Mograbi: Ghost Busters; Ory: The Bounty 4.30, 7, 9.30; Paris: Atlatz 12, 2, 4, 7.30, 9.30; Peer: Lassiter; Shahaf: Maria's Lovers 4.30, 7, 9.30; Studio: Kurat Kid; Tannus: Danton 7.15, 9.30; Teleset: The Hand: Tel Aviv: Red Dawn 4.30, 7, 9.30; also Tue. 2.30; Camille: Tel Aviv Museum: Los Santos Innocents 4.30, 7.30, 9.30; Tzafon: Paris, Texas 4, 6.45, 9.30; Beth Hefetz-Rina: Rabbi Abraham in the Wild West 8.30

**RAIFA 4, 6.45, 9**  
Amphibious: Ninja III: Armes: Ghost Busters; Arzmann: Lassiter; Chen: Beyond the Wall; Morike: Atlatz 5, 7, 9; Ory: Woman in Red; Ory: Moscow on the Hudson 6.45, 9; Peer: Rage and Glory; Ron: Rear Window.

From Mon. different film daily: Shavit 1984, 7, 9.15

**RAMAT GAN**  
Armed Rage and Glory 7.15, 9.30; Mystery of the Jungle 4.30; Lily: Woman in Red 7.15, 9.30; Ory: Ghost Busters 4.30, 7.15, 9.30; Ory: Top Secret 7.15, 9.30; Ramat Gan: The Way We Were 7.15, 9.30

**HERZLIYA**  
David: Paris, Texas 6.45, 9.30; Lagoon 4.30; Hechal: Red Dawn 4.30, 7.15, 9.30; Thier: Zigzag, Zigzag, Sun, Moon 4.30, 7.15, 9.15 (Tue.-Thur. 7.15, 9.15)

**HOLON**  
Migdal: Rage and Glory 7.15, 9.30; Savage: Woman in Red 7.15, 9.30; Savage: Island 4.30

**RAT VAM**  
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## Trade deficit down from \$3.5 billion to \$2.5 billion Exports again prove their vitality

By DAVID KRIVINE  
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

Israel's foreign-trade deficit is expected to narrow this year by \$1 billion. The drop came in January-November to \$964 million, reducing the import surplus by over a quarter, from \$3.5b. to \$2.5 billion.

The improvement can be credited in part to deflationary policies dating back to Yigael Cohen-Or's term of office at the Treasury. Demand in the domestic economy has sagged by 4 per cent, reducing the import of consumer goods by one-third.

Austerity helped release goods for foreign markets, making it possible to exploit a fortuitous recovery that has taken place in world trade (up overall by 8.5 per cent).

The deficit in Israel's balance of payments will regrettably not improve this year. Defence imports (not included in the trade balance figures) have risen by \$400m-\$450 m., and the cost of servicing the country's foreign debt swelled by a similar amount, so the total foreign currency deficit will remain at around \$5 billion.

Defence imports are fixed, however, by political rather than

economic considerations, being financed largely through American aid. (Import components for the local defence industry figure in the civilian trade figures.)

The sizeable rise in the annual charge on the foreign loan is more dismaying, reflecting as it does an increased dependence on short-term borrowings over the last three years, consequent on the Likud government's spendthrift policies.

Exports increased in most branches, notably metals, machinery and electronics. Most striking is the rise in agricultural exports, despite a drop of over one-fifth in citrus sales. Other farm branches more than made up for this shortfall, achieving a total rise, taking all crops into account, of almost ten per cent.

Front-line is the avocado, whose sales soared by 40 per cent, earning an extra \$30 million. Fruit, vegetables and flowers did not increase in quantity but did in quality, with loss-making items (onions, watermelons) discarded in favour of higher-priced market leaders (celery, iceberg lettuce).

The export drive was prodded by

the policy which Gideon Patt, then Minister of Industry and Trade, adopted in December 1983 of "making exports profitable." The target was to render it possible - through exchange-rate policies (including the exchange-rate insurance scheme) - for the efficient exporter to earn a 15 per cent return on his turnover. A figure close to that was maintained despite the problems of inflation.

The drop in imports was accomplished without any reduction in inventories. The import of investment goods declined however, following on recession in the local market.

Output in the economy as a whole rose by 2 per cent, due entirely to the boom in export industries. Employment manpower, which usually increases by 2-3 per cent annually, went up by only one per cent this year.

Israel's export sector has proved once more its dynamic quality. Present statistics make it clear that growth in the national product and employment will depend almost entirely during the coming years on the continued success of that sector in foreign markets.



The newly opened delicatessen counter at the Kol-Bo Shalom department store in Tel Aviv is part of the reorganization of the entire food department. Under the management of Yosef Schwartz, the "deli" will offer meat, fish, cheese and salad specialties, with the accent on local products.

### Area workers are 6% of total workforce

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Some 93,000 workers from the administered areas were employed in Israel during the first nine months of the year, the Central Bureau of Statistics reported yesterday. They are some 6 per cent of the total

number of employed persons in the country.

According to the CBS figures, during the third quarter of the year there was a 3 per cent decrease in the number of workers from the territories employed in Israel.

Some 33 per cent of the West Bank workers and 49 per cent of Gaza's workers were employed in Israel, the CBS said.

## TV shorts to help public understand economics better

By MACABEE DEAN  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. - A series of ten TV shorts, aimed at giving the public a basic understanding of the economic forces at work in Israel, will be broadcast over Israel Television starting this January. One film will be broadcast each month.

"For years I've felt that the public has been denied access to a popular treatment of one of the most fundamental forces in our lives," Aharon Rubinstein, of the contracting firm, said last week at a private preview of the first three shorts at Tel Aviv University. "The public must understand macro-economics if it is going to help in formulating intelligent decisions aimed at solving our problems."

The series was sponsored by the Rubinstein Fund, set up by the Rubinstein family. After the showing, Aharon Rubinstein noted that the school system all too often teaches mere subjects, not the basic understanding of how to live with each other. He also criticized the daily press for showing the worst side of mankind, while ignoring, or almost ignoring, the decent and generous side.

The ten shorts, which are in colour, cost about \$70,000 to produce. Each runs for five to six minutes.

The outlines of each programme were drawn up by a team of economists, headed by Prof. Assaf Razin. The actual adaptation was done by Rimon Communications, which used Hanoach Rosen, the pantomimist, to make the subject matter come alive.

Razin (whose team volunteered its time) pointed out that at first it was considered adapting foreign series, such as Milton Friedman's "Free to Choose," or Prof. John Kenneth Galbraith's "Age of Uncertainty." But neither answered the needs of the Israeli public.

"Moreover, our basic aim was to take the mystique out of economics and try to present it as an interesting down-to-earth subject, devoid of abstractions."

The ten shorts are: Inflation, Balance of Payments, The Government Budget, Employment and Wages, Economic Growth, Social Betterment Policies, Taxes, Subsidies, the Banking System, "Creating" Money and the Interplay of Forces in the Market Place.

Comments after the preview indicated that some persons thought the impact of the series would be lost if the shorts were shown a month apart. One viewer said a second series should be prepared to tackle the same subjects, but in much greater depth.

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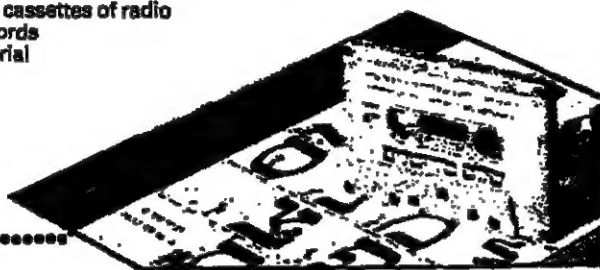
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## Profit? Loss? It all depends...

By PINHAS LANDAU  
Post Finance Reporter

Profit? Loss? It all depends...

Much has been written, and even more said, about the problem of managing a business or investing in an economy suffering inflation of the magnitude of that in Israel now. Nevertheless, some people don't grasp quite how bad the situation is.

The following item, a company announcement published through the stock exchange last Thursday, is as graphic an illustration of the extent of the problem as one is likely to find.

"Re: Izhar Industries (2000)

In the company's most recent annual results appeared an entry for deferred taxes due to be received (i.e. a tax credit). This item increased the company's nominal net profit significantly. In contrast, the half-yearly results summary for the period of January-June 1984 did not include extra taxes due to be received, and the results for that period showed a pre-tax nominal loss of IS58 million and an inflation-adjusted loss of IS91.6m.

However, the manager's review which accompanied these half-yearly summary results, noted that the company is owed tax deductions amounting to IS249m., which were not included in the results and would be shown in the annual report. (No explanation was given for the failure to include deferred taxes in the results.)

In view of this, the exchange requested the company to clarify why the deferred taxes had not been included in the half-yearly results for June 1984, and what would have been the effect of this item on these results, had they been included.

The following is the company's reply.

A. The tax deductions owing to the company were not included in the half-yearly results since the operations in the first half of 1984 resulted in a pre-tax loss. On account of the principle of conservatism and of the rules set by the Israel Institute of Certified Public Accountants for treatment of deferred taxes, there was no point in including these taxes in the profit and loss statement.

As the management report explained, subsequent to the balance sheet date (i.e. June 30, 1984, P.L.) the government changed its policy regarding payment of subsidies to products whose prices are subject to government supervision (Izhar produces edible oil P.L.). As a result the management expects that 1984 as a whole will end with a pre-tax profit. In the event that this happens, the deferred taxes will be included in the annual results.

B. The non-inclusion of deferred taxes in the half-yearly results should

not be construed as a change in the accounting policy of the company. The change was simply the result of the pre-tax loss that occurred in that period. Therefore there was no need to adjust the comparable figures for the equivalent period (of 1983).

C. Had the deferred taxes been included in the most recent half-yearly results, the pre-tax nominal loss of IS58m. would have become a profit of IS191m. and the inflation-adjusted loss of IS91.6m. would have become an inflation-adjusted loss of IS157.4 million.

That is the company's explanation.

And that was the stock exchange's announcement. Anyone interested in how to manage companies, particularly if they produce for the local market, and anyone involved in equity investments, should ponder the staggering implications of this dry and lurid piece of prose - very carefully indeed.

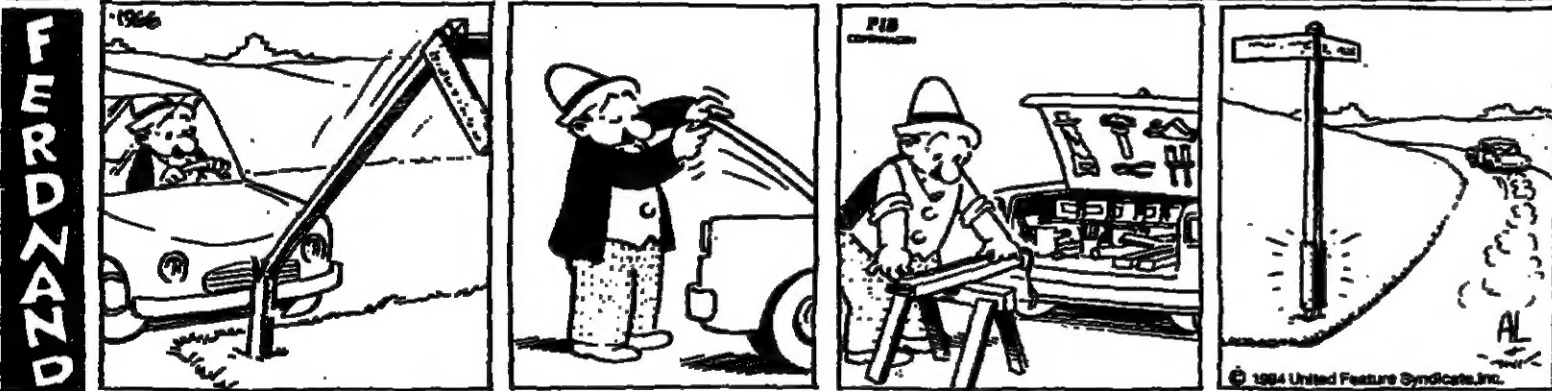
### Saudi-American Bank gets approval for Turkish branch

ANKARA (Reuters). - The government has authorized the Riyadh-based Saudi-American Bank to open a branch in Turkey, Minister of State Mesut Yilmaz has announced.

He said the branch would have an initial capital of \$7.5 million. There are already 11 foreign

banks and two Islamic financial institutions operating in Turkey.

**NORTH SEA.** - Oil production from the British sector of the North Sea rose by 5.2 per cent, to 31 million tons in the period August-November this year, compared to 1983, according to official statistics.



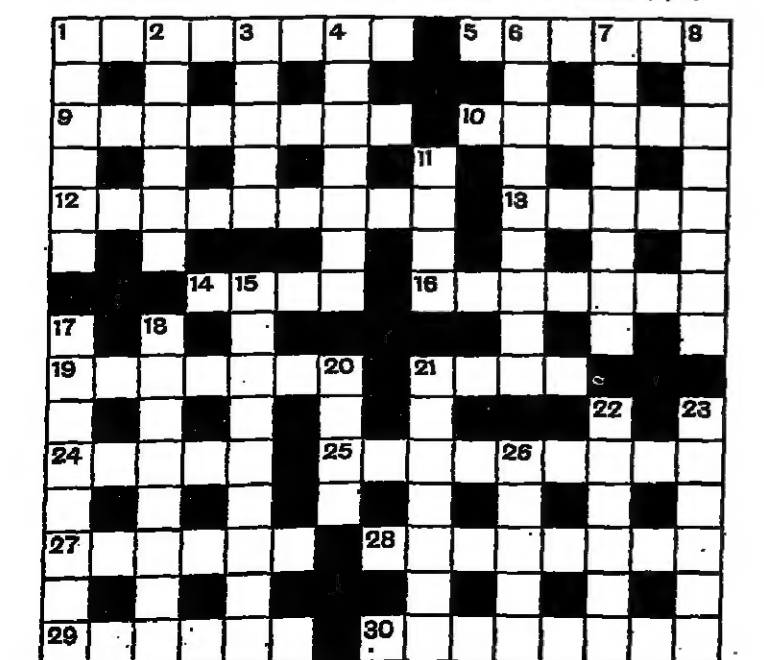
## ONE-AND-ONE CROSSWORD

**ACROSS**

- How to attach funds being used for private spending? (3,5)
- Stretcher in Civil Service splits (6)
- Such recklessness, yet revolution contains some worth (8)
- A stage horse attendant (6)
- Frank Robert earned it fairly (6, 3)
- Throw-out that has a certain value (5)
- See 21 across
- She hankered after an ass - ain't it a mess? (7)
- Wasting a collection of victory spoils, perhaps (7)
- 21 & 14 Adopt a very cold look when the act is vulgar (4, 4)
- Do go half with the morning turn on principle (5)
- Press photographer's lighting things? (4, 6)
- See 26 down
- Jam then causes frightful motor argument (8)
- All numbered green bottles broken with rage (6)
- Was he used to digging things out at Watership Down? (8)

**DOWN**

- With scrappy repairs, yacht under power going to pieces (6)
- Calling for a christening? (6)
- Isis smells of violets (5)
- After last of trade a board can be safely taken down (7)
- Two flowers sweetly bottled (4,5)
- Lone rich combine prepared for chemical warfare (8)
- Bad nut? Common, bear with it! (3, 4)
- Some late information in abbreviated form (4)
- Bit of luck falling to sitting tenant of a Finnish house? (9)
- Isle where Boney restrained double rising deserves praise (8)
- Booster bringing great cunning to card gambling game (3)
- Northern hairy beast going round and made to pull hard (4)
- Strong line taken to help the powerless along (3,4)
- A fier who can talk average rubbish (6)
- Demonstrator leaving a dampened air (6)
- 26 & 27 across Shown in uncarpeted room, that'll confound the directors (5, 6)



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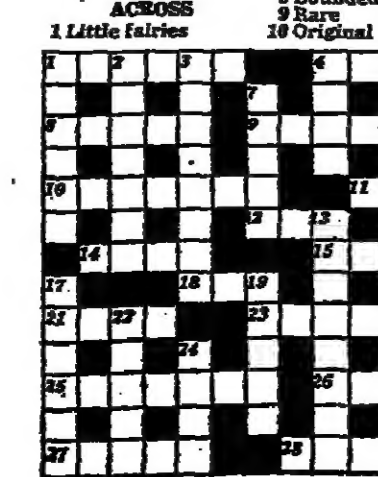
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4 Fragrant herb  
 8 Bounded  
 9 Rare  
 10 Original

11 Early political party  
 12 Gentle knock  
 13 Shivering fit  
 14 Mother of beasts  
 15 Beer-mug  
 16 Abnormally big  
 17 Potato flake  
 18 Twisted  
 19 Dog

**DOWN**

- Minister's desk
- Photographing body's inside
- Dine late (anag.)
- Early life
- Speech of praise
- Thick covert
- Send-up
- Labouring
- Overnight
- Timid creature
- Place of worship
- Title of rank
- Basin

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## Sheraton Israel and The Jerusalem Post announce a great new cooking contest - THE TASTE OF PASSOVER. Cook up a storm for Passover, and you could be a winner!

You may enter as many recipes as you wish, but all must be kosher le'Pesach. Entries will be accepted until Jan. 22, 1985. Twelve finalists will be selected from the submissions, six of them dairy dishes (which will be judged at the Tel Aviv Sheraton), and six meat dishes (judged at the King Solomon Sheraton in Jerusalem.)

Finalists will be notified by written invitation three weeks before the competition, which will take place at the participating Sheraton hotels on March 11, 1985. All ingredients, utensils and facilities will be supplied for the preparation of the final entries, and a panel of judges will be on hand for tasting and testing.

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Recipes must be neatly printed or typed with the entrant's name, address and telephone number in the top right-hand corner, along with the words "MEAT DISH" or "DAIRY DISH." Any recipe that is not kosher for Passover will be disqualified.

Each hotel will award three prizes:  
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 Winners in the Dairy category claim their prizes at the Tel Aviv Sheraton, Meat recipe winners at the King Solomon Sheraton.

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Send your recipes to: The Taste of Passover, The Jerusalem Post, P.O.B. 81, Jerusalem 91000.



# Money Matters

## Shares of Etz Lavud have lost \$24m. in value

By JOSEPH MORGENTHAU  
TEL AVIV. - In the span of just over one month a total of \$24 million has been cut from the market value of the Etz Lavud shares, which are traded on the American Stock Exchange. As late as November 1 of this year the value of the shares had stood at a lofty \$62 million. Last Friday it was down to \$38m., and the share price had plummeted from \$36 to \$22.

There is enough circumstantial evidence to point to either Yoram Gil Holdings, friends of Yoram Gil or companies close to Gil as being responsible for the fall by exerting continuous selling pressure of the shares since the beginning of last month.

The management of Etz Lavud, in response to questioning, said that it did not know who was exerting the selling pressure and causing the company's shares to fall in price. In due course, when the record of changes in the beneficial ownership of the shares becomes known to the company, as it must be noted in its registrar, some more light may be shed on who the sellers are.

In the U.S. reporting of insiders trading is compulsory, but public announcement of such sales or purchases is far from immediate.

If at any time an investigation will be made, it should indicate whether improprieties took place. In the meantime, buyers of Etz Lavud shares at prices in the \$30 range are left with major paper losses.

In the background of current developments there is clear documented information as to the recent beneficial ownership position of the shares. The company's ordinary share capitalization is for 1,723,750 shares. On August 14 of this year it was a matter of public knowledge that Yoram Gil Holdings owned 26.4 per cent, while officers and directors of Etz Lavud controlled about 33 per cent.

In mid-1982 Yoram Gil Holdings announced that it had acquired 26.4 per cent position. In 1982 the price of the shares had moved from a low of \$5.62 to a high of \$24.50. Undoubtedly this came as a result of open market purchases by Yoram

Gil Holdings and on the way to reaching its 26.4 per cent holding.

In 1983 the shares reached a high of \$31.62 and in 1984 an all-time high of \$36.62. Since the shares were tightly held it was not surprising that almost no trading was taking place in them. In the whole month of October 1984, only 34,200 changed hands and on some days there was no trading at all in the shares.

At the time of announcing its acquisition, Yoram Gil Holdings stated that it had bought the shares for "investment purposes." This in turn was clearly connected with Yoram Gil Holdings' strenuous efforts to get approval for the registration of its shares on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange.

In the heavy days of the 1982 "bull market" on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange, many Israeli companies used the unusually favorable conditions to go public. However, the Securities Authority and the exchange was not satisfied that Yoram Gil Holdings met the minimum qualifications for a public listing. The logic behind the acquisition of the Etz Lavud shares was to be connected with Yoram Gil Holdings' need to upgrade its portfolio of investments so as to obtain the approval of the authorities for a public listing of its own shares.

The efforts to obtain the approval were once and for all stymied with the onset of the January 1983 stock market crash. Most recently Gil Electronics, a Yoram Gil Holdings investment, has fallen into the hands of a court-appointed temporary receiver. Kingpin Yoram Gil is reported to have left Israel at the beginning of November, after a \$440,000 had been posted as guarantee for his return to Israel in December.

What future effect all of this will have on the various holders of Etz Lavud shares is hard to predict. There is no doubt that they have been negatively affected by the recent price drop. It is not inconceivable that shareholder suits may now add another element to already complicated situation surrounding the companies associated with Yoram Gil.

## Leumi and Hapoalim improve terms of savings schemes

By PINHAS LANDAU

TEL AVIV. - The two biggest banks are continuing to offer improvements over the regular terms of dollar-linked savings schemes. While on a lower level than the intensive campaign that the banking system indulged in last month, these bonuses are nonetheless meaningful, in terms of improving the yield on these schemes.

Bank Leumi has invented a new twist to the normal form of bonus, in that instead of backdating the beginning of the savings period to award the depositor a lower dollar/shkel exchange rate, it has chosen to push forward the date of the debit of the current account, compared to the date of crediting the savings account.

What this means in practice is that deposits, of any size, made to the two main dollar-linked schemes (Taanud dollar and Dollar meded) will be credited to the savings account tomorrow, December 12, as usual. The money will not be withdrawn from the customer's account until next Monday, December 17. This offer is only open today and tomorrow. Its effect will be to increase the yield on these three-year

schemes by about 0.65 per cent annually, since the value of holding money on *tapas* deposit for five days is about 2 per cent.

Bank Hapoalim has a slightly longer-lived bonus plan in operation at the moment. The bank offers to increase the capital sum deposited by clients on condition that the money is held for the full term of the savings scheme.

For example, if \$1950.000 is deposited in the dollar monthly-income scheme, and held for five years, the customer will receive the dollar-linked equivalent of \$1 million, as if that was the amount he had actually deposited. In the course of the five years, he will receive his monthly income of 0.8 per cent based on \$1m., rather than \$1950.000 - i.e. \$180.000 rather than \$176.000, all dollar-linked, of course.

In the other dollar-linked schemes - namely, *Taanud* dollar and *Dollar meded* - the bank is only offering an increase from \$1975.000 to \$1m. This represents an increase of 2.6 per cent, but is spread over three years, while the 5.3 per cent increase in capital in the monthly-income scheme is spread over five years.

## Buyer backs out of deal for Maof plane

Post Aviation Reporter

TEL AVIV. - The South African, Gateway International airline, which had planned to buy one of the planes of the bankrupt Maof line here for flights to Swaziland, has changed its mind and is currently negotiating for the lease of an aircraft from a foreign carrier.

This was revealed yesterday by a senior source in Arkia, the company which Gateway has engaged to operate the flights to Southern Africa.

Gateway had planned on putting the Maof Boeing 707 at Arkia's disposal for those flights.

Originally Gateway had offered \$1.25 million for the Boeing 707. Maof's last acquisition in preparation for the long-distance runs to Swaziland.

After Maof announced bankruptcy early last month, the temporary receiver asked the Tel Aviv District Court to rush through an approval to sell the plane. The court clearance involved arrangements with General Bank, which holds a lien on it, and with Israel Aircraft Industries, on whose premises the plane is now parked. The arrangements were quickly completed and the court approved the proposed deal.

The Arkia source said Gateway changed its mind, for fear that Maof's creditors in Europe may sue the plane to secure Maof's debts to them.

Meanwhile, Arkia uses its Boeing 727 to fly Gateway passengers.

## Ex-Im Bank supports bid by Westinghouse for \$-billion deal in Egypt

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - The U.S. Export-Import Bank has approved financing to support a bid by the Westinghouse Company to build part of a nuclear power plant in Egypt, a bank spokesman said yesterday.

The exact amount of Westinghouse's participation in the multi-billion dollar project will not be disclosed until the company formally submits a bid to the Egyptian authorities, Ex-Im Bank spokesman Ross Boser said.

Westinghouse is competing against government-supported bids from France and Italy, he said.

The bank financing must be approved by Congress.

To be located in the desert at El Dabas, the plant will be connected by transmission lines to Cairo and other cities.

## LONDON BANK RATES

December 10, 1984

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## TRADE TALKS - China and Iraq have concluded trade talks and agreed on a list of goods for exchange, the official New China News Agency Reports.

VISIT - Sudanese president Ja'afar Numeiri arrived in Peking yesterday for a five-day state visit seeking more Chinese economic and military aid.

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## Share profit-taking on upswing

By PINHAS LANDAU

MARKET COMMENT

TEL AVIV. - The move in the direction of taking profits that began to be felt on Sunday, broadened yesterday. Volume on the share market fell to \$1.2 billion and bond volume fell to less than \$1 billion.

Prices of bonds, however, continued to rise overall, though individual series showed mixed results.

The outstanding feature of the day's trading was the composition of the turnover in the share market. The "arrangement" shares took less than one-third of the total traded overall, so that the \$1.5b. that were traded in the "free" market sector represents some four times the amount that used to change hands there on an average day, prior to the package deal. This is a clear indication of the degree to which the market has changed over the last few weeks, since the deal took effect.

Even more remarkable, the most active share list shows that the stranglehold of the bank shares has been decisively broken - at least for the moment. Yesterday, two out of the three most heavily-traded issues were non-bank shares, namely Cial Industries and Discount Investments. In the former, a very heavy bout of selling pressure was met by equally determined buyers, and the price remained unchanged. The latter issue fell almost six per cent, also in the face of large offers.

The unusually heavy activity in these issues, and others like them, is the result of the large sums streaming into the mutual funds, mostly

from the general public, which is flushed with cash at the moment.

These funds are taking advantage of the move among the inner circle of brokers and traders to realize their profits from the recent market run-up, and they are buying massively while the highly liquid shares, such as those mentioned, are on offer. They are afraid that if they introduce heavy buying orders into an already rising market, they will cause the shares to soar out of sight, so they wait for opportunities such as the one that has developed over the last two days.

The question is whether there is much left in the current rally for the funds to make money on, or whether the rises of the last few weeks represent the bulk of a "bear-market rally" which has all but run its course. All too often in the past, the inner circle have managed to get in and out in good time, selling their holding to the general public, either directly or indirectly through funds, and left them "holding the bag" in the face of a market that had run out of steam.

On the other hand, insofar as the package deal is still in place, and the talk of price adjustments and exchange rate gap-closing have not

moved past the talk stage, and given the still-extant downward trend in interest rates, there is no reason why the rally should not resume. In this case, the stream of money coming into the market would not suddenly reverse, and even today's buyers would have ample opportunity to make a profit.

One of the key indicators to watch, in everything connected with expectations of future policy developments, is the black market dollar rate. This shot last week, after several weeks of stability, and it has now settled at a new level of around \$1650. Any further widening of the margin between it and the official rate would reflect growing fear of a speed-up in the rate of devaluation, and this would also find expression in the stock market, presumably in the form of falling prices.

Yesterday was the first time in almost two weeks that declining issues outnumbered advancing ones, although by only 224 to 134. Sharply falling issues were 5.2 ahead of sharply rising ones, but "buyers only" and "sellers only" were more or less equal in number.

The bond market continues to make quiet, unobtrusive progress.

INCENTIVES. - Egyptian Minister Abdel-Hadi Kandeel says his government plans to introduce new incentives for foreign companies to explore and develop the country's gas reserves.

## Tel Aviv Stock Exchange daily price quotations

Company	Price	Volume	% Change	Company	Price	Volume	% Change	Company	Price	Volume	% Change				
<b>Commercial Banks</b> (not part of "arrangement")				<b>Hotels, Tourism</b>				<b>Asus</b>							
OHH	9900	40	+0.5	GalZohar	no trading			6270	25	+10.0	Gal Ind 1	2184	58	+0.1	
Mazmanie	1279	281	n.e.	GalZohar	no trading			177	17	-0.1	Gal Ind 2	812	296	-1.1	
Maritz	720	304	-0.1	DanHotel5	761	413	-1.6	Shemone	1010	44	+10.0	Devler	575	6	+0.1
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N. Amer. 1	6288	140	-3.0	Beit Hotel	571	15	-0.1					Ferul Ind 2	5198	16	+1.8
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N. Amer. 3	3300	154	-0.1	Yotvata Hotel	684	78	+15.2					Teva 1	4970	88	n.e.
Danot 1	1630	341	+1.9	Yotvata Hotel	383	286	+5.9					Teva 2	4530	77	+10.0
Danot 2	126	2832	n.e.									Ladys	701	104	n.e.
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## Ray of light

THE NEWS that during the first 11 months of this year the country's trade balance improved by \$964 million, with nearly \$600 million coming from a rise in exports, is like a ray of sunshine bursting through the dark clouds overhanging the economy. By the end of the year Israel should be able to record a narrowing of the trade gap by close to one third of the mammoth \$3.5 billion at which it stood in 1983.

The 1984 performance does not quite restore the export growth rates of 1975-1980, which reached an annual average of almost 24 per cent. But even a 15 per cent increase in exports this year will have reversed the trend to stagnation and decline that has been in evidence since 1981. If the momentum can be maintained in 1985, it will go a long way towards extricating the economy from its present difficulties.

The improvement in the trade balance has been remarkable not only for itself, but for an added reason: neither the government of the day nor economic policymakers in the previous administration have hastened to take credit for the achievement.

There are several explanations for this reticence. Chief among them is that exports have this year soared in the face of unprecedented turnarounds in economic policy. If exports rose in (delayed) response to the restrictive policies of former finance minister Yigal Cohen-Orad in the fall of 1983 and the first quarter of 1984, they nevertheless remained undeterred by the expansive election economics in the second quarter of the year - and by the post-election uncertainty that persists to this day.

The difficulty of associating the upswing in exports this year with any particular government policy makes it something of a miracle wrapped inside an enigma. It raises the question whether export growth is at all affected by current policy measures, or is rather a function of the direction of industrial development and international trade. It may also be significant that most of the increase in exports has come from industries that face a limited home market even when domestic demand is booming.

The foreign trade statistics do not reveal what price the economy has paid for this year's export success. But part of the cash that went to support exports has no doubt come from higher foreign indebtedness, thus reducing the contribution of the improvement in the trade balance to the overall bettering of the balance of payments.

Nevertheless, the country's export performance in this most turbulent year, economically speaking, bears testimony to the basic vitality of Israel's economy. A country that can cut its trade gap by nearly one third in one year, with two thirds of the improvement due to a rise in exports rather than to a recession-induced contraction of imports, can hardly be gripped by a structural crisis.

## Iran reaps its own

AN INTENSIFIED debate on the proper methods of battling the scourge of terrorism may follow the case of the hijacked Kuwaiti airliner that was finally stormed by Iranian troops at Teheran airport Sunday night.

The Iranians themselves may have felt that the band of Shi'ite hijackers, inspired by the revolutionary anti-American ideas of Ayatollah Khomeini and apparently trained in Iran, had gone a trifle too far with the gruesome beatings and executions of their hostages. In any case, after pleading for a "peaceful" end to the incident, presumably through the release of the 17 Shi'ite terrorists jailed in Kuwait, the Iranians took action.

According to some reports, a "moderate" faction within the government in Teheran has lately been calling for a more "respectable" Iranian stance that would disavow terrorism. But for the time being the threat of terrorism, much of it originating in Iran, remains very much alive.

Shortly before the happy news from the Kuwaiti airliner was broadcast around the world, U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz, speaking at a Yeshiva University convocation, offered his own formula for contending with terrorists. It was summed up in the Talmudic saying: "He who rises to slay you, slay him first." Mr. Shultz had been making this point repeatedly during the past several months, calling for the systematic use of force by the U.S. in rooting out terrorism.

In his Yeshiva University address, however, Mr. Shultz was specifically seeking to rebut, without naming any names, the contrary national security doctrine recently proposed by his cabinet colleague, Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger.

Under the "Weinberger doctrine" U.S. troops would not, for one thing, be despatched on warlike missions abroad except "with the clear intention of winning." The war on terrorism cannot be won in the sense of smashing the enemy into unconditional surrender. The suicidal maniacs of the Shi'ite "Party of God" even drew stimulation from their reverses. Yet while international terrorism will not wholly be defeated by military means, it can so be contained.

This involves the promoters of terrorism responsible for its consequences. The sense of such responsibility may have been one of the reasons for the Iranian action on Sunday night.

## POSTSCRIPTS

**PS.** ENGLAND'S Yorkshire TV is looking for Jewish women who spent time as refugee children during the Nazi era at Harris House in Southport near Liverpool. The station is making a documentary about the girls, who were fleeing from Germany and Austria.

Producer Mark Galloway was inspired to do the documentary by a diary he saw at the Manchester Jewish Museum. Called "My First Year in Harris House," it was written by the girls who all left continental Europe and who, almost without

exception, never saw their parents again. Galloway has tracked down four of the "old girls" so far - in California, Vancouver, New Jersey and Birmingham. He wants to find other diarists, including Lottie Gross, Gertrude and Hedwig Herzberg, Ilse Maurer, Kitty Pistol, Frieda Beer, Jill Marx, Dorothy Freudel, Margot Brauer, Clara and Rosa Schapiro, Ruth Hammer and Hilda, Frieda and Lea Rot, Margaret Stone, who ran the refugees' school, is alive and well and will take part in the show.

J.S.I.

# Fear of chaos

By A.E. NORDEN

IF YOU WANT to understand why the Israeli delegation at the Nakoura talks is insisting that Unifil soldiers be stationed along the Awali River and in Sidon, you should drive past Nakoura and through Sidon to the Awali River bridge. There you will hear the Druse and Phalangists fighting in the Kharroub hills just to the north, and see the ambulances and cars loaded with Christian refugees speeding down the coastal road towards the comparative order and safety of the Israeli zone.

South Lebanese Army troops at this end of the bridge, dressed in IDF uniforms, help our people, who are in plain clothes, to nab any undesirable trying to sneak across with the refugees and wounded.

Bloody chaos is the rule north of the Awali. South of it, Israel strives, with more or less success, to keep the lid on. We are afraid that unless the serious, spic-and-span peacekeepers of Unifil deploy in force along our present front line, the chaos will cross it and follow us as we withdraw. We have little trust in our proxy, the South Lebanese Army (SLA). We fear that without a Unifil shield the chaos will follow us all the way home, putting at risk one of the few gains of Operation Peace for Galilee.

The other side at the Nakoura talks does not agree to having Unifil on the Awali. The Lebanese negotiators, remotely controlled by Syrian President Hafez Assad, do not want to agree to the partition of Lebanon and to a security fence for Israel 50 kilometres inside the brave and wretched Land of the Cedars - these would be the practical consequences of positioning UN soldiers on the Awali.

Instead, the Lebanese and the Syrian ruler would like to find a way to get a thousand Lebanese army troops past the Druse on the coastal road. If these troops could make it to the northern end of the Awali bridge, the Lebanese negotiators at Nakoura could tell us, "You see, our legally constituted army is strong and reliable. It is ready, willing and able to take over from the IDF and keep order in the South. You can start withdrawing. There's no need for Unifil at the Awali."

This would embarrass us, for we know that in fact there is no such thing as the Lebanese Army.

IN THE MEANTIME, however, you can stand at the southern end of the Awali bridge and feel pretty certain that there will be many more delays and postponements before any troops try to move down the road from Beirut. The talks at Nakoura will go on, while behind you Sidon and the rest of the zone which we fearfully hold will simmer with impatience and hate.

The city of Sidon is the largest in that part of Lebanon where we are stuck. Sidon is bordered on the north by the Awali, to which we withdrew when we left the Shouf Mountains in September 1983, and on the south by the Zaharani River, to which some plans have suggested we withdraw next if the Nakoura talks fail.

Behind the city the mountains rise to Jezzine. While the high ground immediately behind Sidon is inhabited by Maronites, who can only pray that we stay, the Christians are greatly outnumbered by the Sunni and Shi'ite Moslems of the city and the coastal villages south of it. The Moslems hate us more every day. They make up the sea in which the

terrorists swim. This hatred is natural. While most of the Lebanese Moslems were fairly glad to see us when we blasted into Sidon in June 1982, what we have done in the 30 months since could not have failed to make these people hostile.

Although we liberated them from the PLO, we have replaced the Palestinian occupation with our

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own, almost as cruel, and closing the port and the Awali bridge have made it impossible for the population to move about and trade in its own country.

Sidon, which the IDF partly devastated and fully liberated from the PLO, today is a city where our soldiers patrol with flak jackets and cocked weapons. You see them especially after Lebanese have attacked the South Lebanese Army, our proxy force to whom responsibility for securing Sidon has supposedly been passed.

There is no creepier place in South Lebanon for an Israeli than this city. Obviously, it would be a great relief if we could get you. This, plus the fact that it would be the next step in withdrawing on the western sector anyway, is the reason why most of the leaked contingency plans speak of leaving Sidon first.

But the risk of carrying out any such unilateral plan is directly proportional to the weakness of our proxy, the SLA, and would be great enough to give even the most confident Israeli government pause.

TO UNDERSTAND why the SLA cannot police Sidon for us, it is necessary to recall some history and demography.

The SLA is manned mostly by Maronites. The Shi'ites and Druse in it will tell you that they are serving for the money. Sidon, a Sunni city, is alien ground for all the SLA troops, and when they confide in you that they would go home to their respective villages if the IDF left them on their own, you believe them.

The history of Lebanon in the last nine years has shown that the various Lebanese will kill at the drop of a bat, but will only die for their own particular turf, their own particular sect.

The commander of the SLA, Antoine Lahad, has never put it this way, but he regularly warns that his army will not be able to do any really hard jobs without the IDF for at least a year or two, and there may be no harder job in South Lebanon than Sidon.

Lahad should know. A Maronite whose patron is Camille Chamoun, Lahad was awarded a medal for his part in quelling disorders in Sidon as long ago as March 1975, when he was the commander of the now-defunct Lebanese Army's Third Brigade.

Only historians and Lebanese remember these events and their setting. Moslem fishermen in Sidon - both Shi'ites and Sunnis - had heard that Chamoun and some Kuwaiti investors were establishing the Pro-

tein Fishing Company to sweep the waters off the coast with modern trawlers.

The panic of the fisherman, who operated with small boats and dynamite satchels and imagined their livelihoods in jeopardy, was fanned by agitators, who did not hesitate to sound the religious motif - Chamoun was and is notorious among Moslems as an even more unabashed champion of Christian Lebanon than Phalange founder Pierre Jemael.

The Sunni mayor of Sidon, Ma'arouf Sa'ad, was shot dead by gendarmes as he led a protest march against the new Protein company. Riots followed. The road to Beirut was blocked. The government sent in the army.

At that point, the PLO came out of the Ein Hilwe refugee camp and into the streets to help the locals. This was in violation of an earlier undertaking by Yasser Arafat that he would fight only against Israel.

The PLO drove off the first Lebanese Army units to reach Sidon. Only after the city, and especially Ein Hilwe, were shelled by Gen. Iskander Ghanem, a Christian, and his subordinate, Lahad, did things in Sidon subside.

But in order to get a truce the government in Beirut had to parley with the locals, and with Arafat. The central government, in other words, confessed that it could not control the city of Sidon.

Some historians and Lebanese therefore date the beginning of the war that wrecked the Switzerland of the Middle East to that March of 1975. Certainly the Phalange in East Beirut, incensed and anxious, read the events in Sidon this way, for on April 13, 1975, Jemael's men massacred a busload of Palestinians, after which the not-unattractive fiction known as Lebanon came apart.

ALL THIS would be ancient history, and of scant interest, were it not for the following facts: We are stuck in Sidon; except for the shattering of the PLO, not much has changed for the better there or anywhere else in Lebanon since the Protein affair; Lahad is our man, and too many Lebanese from all the various sects have long memories, the appetite for more fighting and plenty of guns to fight with.

Furthermore, outsiders, including us, have not yet learned how to leave Lebanon alone, even though we have learned that there is no profit in it for us. The wisest Lebanese you meet are therefore the most pessimistic about the chances of anything stable and peaceful being arranged in their ex-country.

Moslems and Christians alike, they tell you that Israel has geopolitical designs - the Jews are setting impossible conditions, because they don't really want to go home.

An Israeli visiting Sidon has to disagree. We do have a strong desire to get out, but we're afraid to move without Unifil taking over as a shield. Because of our fear of chaos, the plans for a unilateral withdrawal, which are leaked from time to time, sound like empty threats.

Take for example the much-leaked plan calling for an IDF withdrawal from the Awali to the Zaharani. This small step, it was said, would relieve us of the burden of Sidon, while keeping the IDF front line in the western sector far enough from the international border so that unspecified terrorists would not again be able to mount Katyusha or

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artillery barrages against the Galilee.

At the same time, the IDF's presence between the Zaharani and the border could be thinned out so as to annoy the locals as little as possible.

As for the central and eastern sectors of Lebanon, the IDF was to sit tight there in its present positions - that is, on Jebel Barukh and in the Bekaa Valley opposite the Syrians.

It seemed a thoughtful, cautious plan. It seemed to run as few risks as possible. It seemed a sensible way to cut our losses.

But examination made it clear that this plan carried out, it would probably increase our losses and make our problems worse.

When we abandon the Awali line, and leave Sidon, the city would first be the scene of a war of all-against-all, and then it would become a first-class guerrilla base against us.

The Shi'ite Amal and Sunni Mourabitoun militias would appear on the streets to chase away the SLA, after which they would fight each other. The Sunnis could be helped by Palestinian veterans of the PLO in Ein Hilwe, as the Sunni militia which is top dog in the northern city of Tripoli is helped by the remnants of the PLO in the refugee camps there.

And so we would sit on our new, expensive line on the Zaharani, listening to the Arabs fighting in the city, and knowing that it was only a matter of time before they and reinforcements from Beirut started coming over to attack Jewish soldiers.

For leaving the Awali bridge without a Unifil checkpoint would leave Sidon open, by way of the coastal road, to West Beirut's numerous armed elements. They could come down in taxis, bribing their way past

the Phalange and Druse roadblocks.

We would have to take precautionary steps. Instead of traffic jams and searches for terrorists and weapons at the bridge north of Sidon, there would be traffic jams and searches at the bridge south of Sidon. Or we could shut the Zaharani crossing, as we have the Awali, further inflaming the Shi'ites in such villages south of the Zaharani as Sarafand and Insaraye.

Our profile would be higher, not lower. Our soldiers would still be in the midst and on the backs of the locals, while some of the locals' own kin and fighters were free men in a city a few kilometres away.

There would be more infiltration, the terrorists' war against us would intensify, and we would keep losing 30-year-old conscripts and 40-year-old reservists.

Having cautiously redeployed, we would be faced with the miserable options of retaking Sidon in street-fighting, bombing it from the air or retreating yet another step.

Although one of the unhappy consequences of our big move into Lebanon and our prolonged stay there is that the Arabs have been disabused of the myth of Jewish super-intelligence, our leaders and experts are probably intelligent enough to understand that a unilateral withdrawal to the Zaharani, without a Unifil shield put in place north of Sidon and a UN presence in the city, would be stupid and irresponsible.

That realization would explain our negotiating stance at Nakoura. An Israeli returning to the safety and tranquillity of home - whatever he thinks of his country's performance in Lebanon so far - has no choice but to wish our negotiators good luck.

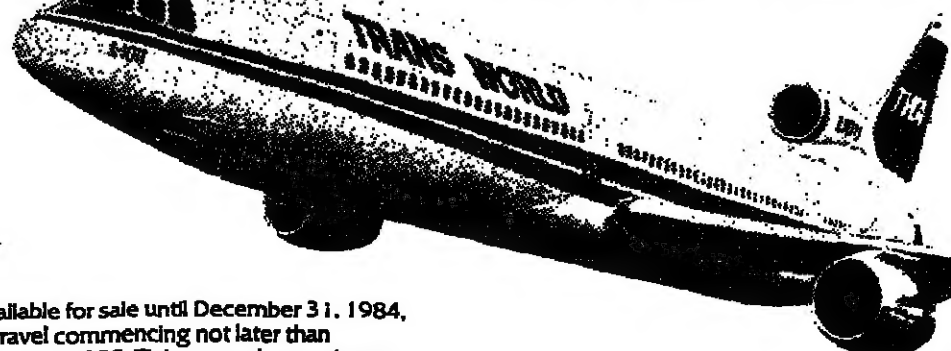
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